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FOREWORD

Lt Gen SK Saini, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, ADC, the previous Col of the Jat Regiment, undertook the Fourth Volume of the Regiment's History. The JORA conference of Nov 2015 set the ball rolling.

The hunt for a suitable author finally ended in Dec 2016 when the USI was selected, on contract, to compile this volume.

The USI further engaged Lt Gen KK Khanna, PVSM, AVSM**, for authoring the fourth volume. We are grateful to Gen Khanna for compiling this volume.

This compilation is a testimony to the Centre Commandants' efforts during this volume's anthology. I want to thank Brig AN Jha, Brig (now Maj Gen) IJ Singh, SC, SM and Brig AK Butail for collecting inputs from the Battalions (primarily their Digests of Service), affiliated units, the Records JAT and the Jat Museum Archives and Research Centre. Although the USI improved upon the previous drafts, Gen Saini, in his characteristic thorough style, wished to refine the USI's final draft submitted to the Centre in Aug 2020.

By the time I took over the colonelcy, what remained was editing the USI's draft to our expectations. I was keen on completing the endeavour before the Centre's raising day celebrations in Nov 2022. For this, we tasked Col Gautam Jha, whose dedication and enthusiasm have justified our faith in him.

In deciding the year 2020 as the cutoff year of this volume, we have considered the conflicting requirements of security, broader context and maturity of analysis on the one hand and the freshness of recent data available on the other.

A Hindi translation of Part I of this volume was published in JATVEER 2021 for the benefit of our men. As the next project in this series, I would like an abridged Hindi translation of our Regiment's History since Independence to be published.

New Delhi, 20 Nov 2022

BS Raju
Lt Gen
Colonel of the Regiment

PREFACE

It has given me great pleasure to record Volume 4 of the History of the Jat Regiment covering the period from 1972 to 2010. I am grateful to the United Service Institution of India for having given me this honour.

This Volume of History is based on inputs received from all battalions of the Regiment, the JAT RC, the JAT Records, a large number of serving officers and respected veterans. Since the initial accounts submitted by a few battalions to the Jat Regimental Centre were found to be rather sketchy and inaccurate, all battalions were requested to resubmit their accounts after having them approved by at least three COs of the 1970s and 1980s vintage. The author then visited a few battalions to guide the COs and obtain data first-hand. He also visited the previous Cols of the Regiment and a few senior veterans and attended numerous JORA get-togethers at various stations. This helped him to interact with serving COs and veterans, besides interacting with them on social media. In a few cases, formation histories were consulted to authenticate data.

Drafts were then prepared based on inputs from all sources and sent to all battalions for verification. This complete process was repeated four times between Mar 2017 and Apr 2020.

I must record my sincere thanks to Brig IJ Singh, SC, SM, for his contribution to the project. His drive, determination and initiative could obtain data from the units in the given period. I am also grateful for his sagacious advice during the entire period and facilities at the JAT RC.

I am grateful to Col BD Dangwal, VSM** and Col CS Handa, both veterans of the Jat Regiment, for their advice and assistance throughout. I would like to thank Lt Col Kartikeyan Rao for proofreading many times and providing very useful inputs.

Jai Hind and Ram Ram.

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Lt Gen KK Khanna

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ABBREVIATIONS USED

AC	Ashok Chakra
AGPL	Actual Ground Position Line
AMC	Army Medical Corps
ARA	Army Rifle Association
Arty	Artillery
Armd	Armoured (used only in titles of units and formations)
ATGM	Anti-Tank Guided Missile
AVSM	Ati Vishisht Seva Medal
Bde	Brigade
Bn	Battalion
Brig	Brigadier
BM	Brigade Major
Capt	Captain
Commendation	Commendation Card
CI	Counter Insurgency
CIJW	Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School
Cdr	Commander
C in C	Commander in Chief
CO	Commanding Officer
COAS	Chief of the Army Staff
Col	Colonel
COJR	Colonel of the Jat Regiment
Coy(s)	Company, companies
Div	Division
DSSC	Defence Services Staff College
EX	Exercise (as prefix to the name of a military exercise)
FDL	Forward Defended Locality

ft	Feet (unit of measurement)
FM	Field Marshal
Gen	General
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GOC-in-C	General Officer Commanding in Chief
Gp Capt	Group Captain
Hav	Havildar
HAWS	High Altitude Warfare School
HC	Higher Command Course
HDMC	Higher Defence Management Course
HQ	Headquarters
hrs	hours (used to indicate time)
IAF	Indian Air Force
IMA	Indian Military Academy
in	inch
Inf	Infantry (used in titles of formations and battalions)
IS	Internal security
JCO	Junior Commissioned Officer
JORA	Jat Regiment Officers' Association
KC	Kirti Chakra
km	kilometres (used to indicate distance)
KRA	Key Result Area
LAC	Line of Actual Control
LC	Line of Control
LMG	Light Machine Gun
L/Nk	Lance Naik
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
Lt Gen	Lieutenant General
mtr	metres
MA	Military Assistant
Maj	Major

Maj Gen	Major General
MG	machine gun
MMG	Medium Machine Gun
MGGS	Major General General Staff
MS	Military Secretary
MT	Mechanical Transport
M-in-D	Mentioned in Despatches
Mtn	Mountain (used only in titles of Army formations)
MVC	Mahavir Chakra
NBC	Nuclear Biological Chemical
NDC	National Defence College
Nk	Naik
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
Nb Sub	Naib Subedar
orbat	Order of Battle
Op(s)	Operation(s)
OP	Observation Post (eg arty OP or Air OP)
OR	Other Ranks
OSD	Overseas Deployment
PAF	Pakistan Air Force
PLA	People's Liberation Army
Pt	Point (cartographic description/name of feature with altitude)
psc	Passed Staff College
PVSM	Param Vishisht Seva Medal
RC	Regimental Centre
RCL	recoilless gun
recce	reconnaissance
RL	rocket launcher
RR	Rashtriya Rifles
RMO	Regimental Medical Officer
2/Lt	Second Lieutenant

SC	Shaurya Chakra
2IC	Second-in-Command
Sect	Sector
Sep	Sepoy
SM	Sena Medal
SS	Self-styled (ranks of belligerent groups in the North East)
Sqn Ldr	Squadron Leader
Sub	Subedar
Sub Maj	Subedar Major
TA	Territorial Army
TEWT	Tactical Exercise Without Troops
UG	Underground (Armed insurgent in Nagaland/Manipur/Mizoram)
UMG	Universal Machine Gun
USAF	United States Air Force
VCOAS	Vice Chief of the Army Staff
VrC	Vir Chakra
VSM	Vishisht Seva Medal
VVF	Village Volunteer Force
Wg Cdr	Wing Commander
WW I	First World War
WW II	Second World War
YO	Young Officer

Note:

Commonly used abbreviations in the English Language, such as UK, UN, USA, J&K, and military parlance, have been used judiciously.

Where considered appropriate, the complete forms are used despite available abbreviations.

PART 1

The previous volumes of regimental history are chronicled in great detail. However, events and circumstances concerning the JRC's antecedent units and their amalgamation during 1922-23 are not detailed in Vol 1.

Volume I could not include a detailed history of the 18th Infantry (today, the JRC) and its antecedents, partly due to an absence of primary sources such as their war diaries. However, we know that Capt Henry De Castro, who raised the unit in 1795 under a Company Board Meeting of 10 Jul that year, later rose to the rank of Lt Gen. A few available Army Lists of that century mention officers and locations, but these are sketchy. Despite the tumultuous 1922-24 reorganisation involving the distribution of officers and men from the 5th, 17th and 18th Infantry to other units of the newly formed 9th Jat Regiment, their Mess Silver and original Colours are preserved to this day in the Centre.

Further, Volume I misleadingly commences from 1803, the year of raising 1 JAT, instead of correctly 1795, the year of raising the 18th Infantry.

Therefore, Part 1 of this book recapitulates only those events that do not find detailed narration or context in earlier volumes of Regimental histories. The politico-military background to changes in the nomenclature of senior bns of the Regiment is likewise included. Titles of the senior bns are given in Appendix A.

This Part is based on research articles published by the Jat Regiment Museum in the JATVEER under the guidance of Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC.



Chapter 1

Recapitulation 1795 - 1972

Initial Period from 1747 to 1772

The origin of our Regiment in 1795 is attributed to the organisation of the East India Company's Army on modern European lines in 1747.

In 1747, a fleet under Admiral Boscawen with about 1381 Europeans (primarily British), formed in 12 independent companies, sailed from England to attack Pondicherry and wrest Fort St George in Madras from the French, who had captured it in 1746. Most soldiers, at the time, were hired on short-term contracts. These soldiers of fortune were entitled to a bounty from war exploits, and all commissions were 'purchased'. The Cardwell Reforms finally abolished the 'purchase' of commissions in 1871.

Admiral Boscawen's force that set sail from England arrived at Cuddalore on 29 Jul 1748 and engaged the French. After the destruction of the Ariyankuppam Fort, the soldiers were immediately discharged but allowed to join the East India Company, which had land holdings in Madras. The East India Company in Bombay and Bengal was still setting up its Army to protect its trading interests and expand its sphere of influence. Out of these 1381 odd men who sailed, 398 returned to England, 136 were accounted for, while the remaining 800 probably joined the Army of the East India Company. Out of these 800 men, documents of at least 399 exist to prove that these men joined the East India Company's Army. These 800 formed the nucleus with which Robert Clive formed the first European regiment of the East India Company, and this band of men fought in the Battle of Plassey in 1757, a battle that changed the course of the history of the Indian Subcontinent.

The Battle of Plassey in 1757 gave the East India Company a foothold in Bengal. Still, the Battle of Buxar in 1764 made the East India Company the virtual rulers of Bengal, Bihar, some districts of Orissa and areas up to Allahabad. The East India Company now generated revenue from trading activities and collected revenue and taxes by directly governing the new areas.

1773 - 1795

The Regulating Act 1773 of the British parliament deemed all lands acquired by the East India Company occupied on behalf of the British Crown. The Act created the post of the Governor-General to administer what they considered British possessions in India. The Governor-General, located at Calcutta, was responsible to the British Parliament. He had the authority to govern and recruit a standing army to further expand and maintain the British possessions in India on behalf of the Crown. After this official sanction of the British Parliament, the East India Company's Armies, especially the Bengal Army, saw substantial growth. It would also be the Bengal Army, into which the Jats would later get recruited to form a part of the British Indian Army.

The Historical Background Leading to the Raising of the CALCUTTA NATIVE MILITIA in 1795 (Today, the Jat Regimental Centre)

By 1795, the East India Company's Army had three types of units. These were the European Regiments (officered and manned by Europeans, mostly British), the 'Native

Regiments' (officered by Europeans and manned by Indians) and the Militias, which were for guard and garrison duties (these had a nucleus of about 12 Europeans and the remaining Indian).

By the beginning of 1795, the Governor-General had decided on a final assault against Tipu Sultan of Mysore to make the East India Company the virtual rulers of the areas south of the Deccan Plateau. The Calcutta Native Militia was raised to take over the garrison duties in and around Calcutta so that two regular units of the Bengal Army could be made available for the final assault against Tipu Sultan. By 1799, the East India Company had 12 European Regiments. Ten of the twelve European regiments of the East India Company were deployed against Tipu in the battle of Seringapattam (now Srirangapatna) in May 1799. The 1st and 2nd Bengal Native Infantry, relieved of duties by the Calcutta Native Militia, joined the action along with some units of the Bengal Artillery.

The Origin of the Appointment of the 'Colonel of the Regiment' and an Explanation of the Initial Nomenclature of our Units

Until 1795, all infantry units were single regiments like today's armoured and arty regiments. In 1795 double unit regiments were introduced so that the 2nd unit could act as the reserves and replenish the bayonet strength of the 1st unit during hostilities. The senior CO of the two bns, called the "Col of the Regiment", was responsible for running the Regiment's affairs. This system continued until 1824 for all infantry units when it was decided to revert to the old single regiment units since the Cols of the Regiment were high-handed against the other unit. However, the 'Col of the Regiment' institution stayed on. Also, this reversion to a single battalion system explains why 1 JAT, which draws its lineage from what was known as the 1st Bn, the 22nd Bengal Native Infantry Regiment, became the 43rd Bengal Native Infantry in 1824 as all regiments again assumed a single battalion configuration. 21 x 02 bns were preceding the 1st Battalion of the 22nd Regiment, and therefore, the 1st Battalion became the 43rd Battalion.

Similarly, 3 JAT that was the 1st Bn, the 33rd Bengal Native Infantry, became the 65th Bengal Native Infantry Regiment. 2 JAT that was the 1st Bn, the 10th Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry, became the 19th Bombay Native Infantry Regiment. We shall also explain later why and how 2 JAT, a part of the Bombay Army, became a part of the JAT Regiment, which had troops hailing from the areas under the Bengal Army. By 1824, the standing Army of the East India Company in India stood at 2,00,000 men, organised into 170 Indian and 16 European regiments. Ironically, the two-unit Regimental system used by the East India Company between 1795 and 1824 became the norm again for the British Indian Army from 1868 to 1921.

1817 - 1857: the Collapse of the East India Company and the Advent of the British Raj

The British defeated the Marathas in the battle of Khadki in 1817, and large tracts of new territory in the areas of the Deccan Plateau came under the East India Company. With this victory, the East India Company became the virtual masters of Peninsular India, parts of Central India, Bengal, Bihar and almost the entire Indo-Gangetic plains, across the Yamuna right up to and beyond Delhi. Soon new Cantonments were set up in Pune, Mhow, Jabalpur, Sagar, Gwalior, and Ambala to ensure that the Marathas could not re-establish their hold on India. By 1823, the Company expanded towards South East Asia and secured the Malacca Straits and areas of the Malay Peninsula. By 1831 the East India Company had secured places up to

Rohtak. Calcutta was made the capital of British possessions in India in 1834. The only challenge to East India Company's writ across the entire Subcontinent was Maharaja Ranjit Singh's Punjab. The British took control of the remaining Subcontinent primarily through the growth of the Bengal Army. Therefore, the Bengal Army was the preferred choice of all European (British principally) officers and men who still were soldiers of fortune. No more wars were fought in the Madras and the Bombay Armies after 1817.

After the death of Maharaja Ranjit Singh in 1839, the Sikh durbar began to disintegrate, and the Company took this opportunity to annex more territories. What followed were the Anglo-Sikh Wars. The Sikh durbar broke up after the battle of Sobraon in 1846. The British defeated the Sikhs with the help of the Indian bns of the Indo-Gangetic plains, referred to loosely as the PURBAEAHS. The British exploited the Sikh sentiment during and after the 'Struggle of 1857' as they offered revenge on the PURBAEAHS. The struggle of 1857 was a Bengal Army phenomenon, restricted mainly to the units which drew their rank and file from the Indo-Gangetic plains. By 1857, the East India Company had grown to span three Presidency Armies of Madras, Bombay and Bengal, with more than 200 regular regiments of Cavalry and Infantry. The Bengal Army had 75 Native Infantry, 42 Cavalry Regiments, and many Irregulars like the CALCUTTA NATIVE MILITIA, to which our Regiment traces its origin. Out of the 117 Regular units and many more irregulars like the CALCUTTA NATIVE MILITIA, only 12 units of the Bengal Army remained 'loyal' through the Struggle of 1857. The forebears of the Jat Regimental Centre (Calcutta Native Militia), 1 JAT, and 3 JAT were the bns that survived disbandment after 1857. 2 JAT came to join the Regiment from the erstwhile Bombay Army, where no rebellion took place. 2 JAT, then called the 19th Bombay Native Infantry, escorted an army train to Delhi through Sind used in quelling the 'Struggle of 1857'.

The First Jat Recruitment into the Company's Forces

The JATs, as soldiers, were recruited for the first time into the East India Company's Army from western UP and areas around Delhi to put down the Gurjar rebellion towards the end of 1857 and the beginning of 1858. The Gurjars around Delhi had sided with the mutineers and joined the 'struggle of 1857'. Troops of the Punjab region, mostly Sikhs, were recruited in large numbers to contain the Mutiny.

1858 to 1862: Reorganisation

The 'Struggle of 1857', which started in May 1857, was finally suppressed by 1858. For the first time, troops of the Crown sailed from Britain for employment in India. The British Parliament took several measures to ensure that another mutiny did not threaten their possessions. Under an act of the British Parliament in 1858, the East India Company's possessions in India came directly under the British Crown under a Viceroy instead of the Governor-General. All European Regiments were transferred to the Crown and became Royal Troops. While only 12 regiments of the 75 survived disbandments, six new regiments from numbers 13 to 18 were reorganised from the irregulars and the newly raised 'Royal' troops. Indians were debarred from Arty Regiments, and the Royal Arty units instead took their place.

In the reorganisation of 1861, 1 JAT, then known as the 43rd Bengal Light Infantry (the title 'Light' added only in 1842), was rechristened the 6th Bengal Native Light Infantry. 3 JAT, then known as the 65 Bengal Native Infantry, was renamed the 10th Bengal Native Infantry. The Calcutta Native Militia was upgraded to a regular battalion and re-named the Alipore Regiment.

In 1864, this unit was renamed the 18th (Alipore Regiment) Bengal Native Infantry. After the 1861 reorganisation, the Bengal Army retained only these 18 Infantry Regiments collectively called the Loyal Bns until 1895, when Presidential Armies were abolished. The JAT Regiment got troops and its identity from three (6th, 10th and 18th Bengal Native Infantry) of these eighteen loyal regiments. All raisings after 1858 were recruited from the Punjab province, including the Jats from present-day Haryana and the hill people from Nepal, Kumaon, Garhwal and Himachal.

1868: The Cardwell and Childers Reforms and Recruitment from Specific Geographical Areas

Between 1854 and 1858, Britain faced two significant challenges. These were the Crimean War of 1854 and the Indian Struggle of 1857. These two events demonstrated that the British Forces could not simultaneously and adequately project their power in continental Europe and their huge overseas colonies. This assessment led to the first set of reforms between 1859 and 1862. The Imperial Staff College was set up in 1860 to train officers to become professional soldiers. The British government brought the Company's Army under its direct control. A volunteer territorial force was raised to look after home defence while the regular troops were deployed only for overseas duties. The second set of reforms introduced from 1868 to 1872 became the Cardwell Reforms. In 1871, the government abolished the purchase of commissions.

Men enlisted for shorter terms of engagements into specific corps or regiments rather than the unpopular system of general service enlistment for 21 years. The new regimental system linking Territorial (line) Regiments in pairs with Regimental depots was a different part of the reforms. A similar territory-based recruiting was also introduced in Britain for the first time. The Childers Reforms followed these reforms in 1880, strengthening the regimental system. The double bns system abandoned in 1824 in India was reintroduced with modifications for the British Infantry Regiments. This system remained functional in Britain from 1868 to 1921. During the First World War, to cater to the sudden expansion of the Indian Army, Infantry Regiments of the Indian Army changed to the double and even triple battalion regimental system.

1885: Significant Change in the Nomenclature of the Units

A historical reference would help to explain the following change of terminology for the bns of our Regiment in 1885. Lord Ripon became the Viceroy of India in 1880 and remained so till 1884. He was born in 1827 at 10 Downing Street as the second son of British Prime Minister F.J. Robinson, a Tory. However, Ripon's political beliefs differed from his father's. A Whig at first, he later turned liberal. Ripon's political convictions directly influenced change in the nomenclature of all the older Regiments of the British Indian Army. He propagated a uniform legal structure for all Europeans and Indians in India. He wanted all subjects of the British Empire to be on the same footing without racial discrimination. He insisted on dropping the derogatory 'Native' attached to Indian Army units. In 1885, the JRC became the 18th Bengal Infantry. 1 JAT, then called 6 Bengal Native Light Infantry, became the 6th Bengal Infantry; 2 JAT became the 19th Bombay Infantry, and 3 JAT became the 10th Bengal Infantry. What is also widely unknown is the fact that the first Indian National Congress meeting held in Bombay with Womesh Chandra Banerjee as its President was with the express blessings and patronage of Lord Ripon.

1885: The Canard of the 'Theory of the Martial Races'

General Frederick Roberts became the Chief of the Indian Army in Nov 1885. As a young officer during the struggle of 1857, Roberts saw first-hand how the British manipulated the North Indian troops' sentiments to suppress and defeat the rebellious 'Purbahs'. Fearful of a repeat of the rebellion, he expounded the unscientific and unsubstantiated canard of "MARTIAL RACES THEORY", which the British tweaked to suit their political needs many times till the end of WW II in 1945. However, this theory was the basis on which 18 existing Infantry Regiments of the Bengal Army were classified into PURE ONE CLASS REGIMENTS. At the same time, those of the Madras and Bombay Armies got organised into somewhat FIXED CLASS COMPOSITION UNITS/REGIMENTS following an order in 1892. Out of the 18 Loyal Regiments of the Bengal Army, two Regiments became pure JAT class composition units. 1 JAT, then known as the 6th Bengal Infantry, became the 6th JAT Bengal Infantry Regiment, and 3 JAT, then known as the 10th Bengal Infantry, became the 10th JAT Bengal Infantry Regiment. It was the first time the word JAT got associated with any unit of the Indian Army. 2 JAT was then a part of the Bombay Army and continued to be called the 19th Bombay Infantry Regiment. Its troops were a mix of Meo Rajputs from Rajputana, Hindu Gurjars, and Mussalmans from the United Provinces and the Deccan.

Removal of Presidency Linkages of Bengal, Madras and Bombay Armies

Through an Army Departmental Order number 981 dated 26 Oct 1894, all units of the Indian Army shed their Presidency affiliations from 01 Apr 1895. In 1902, the JRC, then known as the 18th Regiment of Bengal Infantry, became the 18th Mussalman Rajput Infantry. 2 MECH (JAT (LI), then the 6th JAT Bengal Infantry dropped the word Bengal and became the 6th JAT Infantry. 3 JAT became the 10th JAT Infantry, and 2 JAT, then known as the 19th Bombay Infantry, became just the 19th Infantry.

1902 - 1909: Reorganisation of the Indian Army - Renumbering of Units

Lord Kitchener started a significant reorganisation in 1902 when he became the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army. He reorganised the entire Army into division-sized combat formations with dedicated and permanent General Service Staff at Bde and Div levels. He envisaged deploying army formations as per threat perceptions rather than geographical dispersion. This reorganisation continued until 1911, two years after Kitchener relinquished command. The units of the Indian Army were renumbered and re-designated. All Bengal Army units retained their original numbers; the units of the Madras Army added 60 to their previous numbers, and those of the Bombay Army added 100 to their previous numbers. Therefore, 1 JAT and 3 JAT remained as 6 and 10 JAT Infantry, respectively; 2 JAT, called 19 Infantry Regiment in 1895, added 100 to become 119 Infantry and added the title Mooltan. In 1903, the 18th Regiment of Mussalman Rajput Infantry became the 18th Infantry.

1909-1911: Standardisation in the Organisation of all Units of the British Imperial Army

Standardisation in the organisation of all forces across all units of the British Empire in the British Army was called 'Haldane Reforms'. While the equipment profile was different, the organisations were made similar. All regular troops of the entire British Imperial Army became liable for overseas service anywhere within the empire. At the same time, a volunteer force

called the "Territorial Force" was meant to defend the home territories. This organisational standardisation of all forces in the British Empire and a clear-cut definition of roles contributed to Britain winning WW I, which started in 1914. During WW I, the professionalism, bravery, and tenacity of the Indian Army units deployed to protect the British Empire's interest in Continental Europe, the Middle East, and Turkey are legendary.

1921: Expansion of the Indian Army During WW I and Subsequent Reorganisation

What is commonly not known is that the highest number of units that the British Infantry ever had was only 51. In 1913, Just before WW I, there were 131 Regular Infantry Units in the British Indian Army majority of which saw action in various theatres of operations during WW I. The First World War saw a massive expansion of the Indian Army, and most PURE CLASS COMPOSITION REGIMENTS saw the second raising. In some cases, even the third Battalion of the same Regiment. For example, 1 JAT, then known as 6 JAT Infantry, raised another battalion from within its pool in 1917 called the 2nd Bn, the 6 JAT Infantry, also represented as 2/6 JAT Infantry. 3 JAT, then known as 10 JAT Infantry, raised a second unit briefly in 1917. While most of these second and third bns of infantry regiments were disbanded after the war, a few 2nd bns of the senior-most pure-class bns were retained. In our case, 2/6 Royal JAT (LI) (the unit added the title 'Royal' only in Feb 1921) was converted into the training battalion of the ninth group of the "Regiments of the Line".

Other events prompted a change from pure class composition regiments, earlier introduced in 1892, to fixed class composition in the reorganisation of 1921. Events of the mutiny of the 5th Mussalman Rajput Light Infantry (one of JRC's antecedents) in Singapore; the reluctance of Sikh and Punjabi troops to shoot at civilians during the Ghadar movement; and the Jallianwala Bagh crisis of 1919 prompted the British to convert pure class units of the plains to mixed composition. Only two of the so-called martial races inhabiting the plains of the Indian Subcontinent had been loyal to the British since their recruitment into the Indian Army, namely the Hindu Jats and the Punjabi Muslims. Therefore, these communities formed most of all new regiments consisting of plainsmen from North India. This explains why the new JAT Regiment composed of 50% Hindu Jats, 25% Punjabi Mussalmans and 25% Rajput Mussalmans (Ranghars).

1922 to 1924: The Establishment of the JAT regiment and the Stabilisation of the Process

Like in the British Army's reorganisation in 1921, each Indian Regiment of the Line was to have five regular active bns liable for service anywhere in the world, one territorial battalion for protection of home territories, and one training battalion that would train recruits for all other bns of the Regiment. The training battalion would also act as the depot for the people reporting for discharge. In the reorganisation of 1922, out of the original 131 regiments and some selected second bns of these Regiments raised during WW I were grouped into 19 separate 'Regiments of the Line' and ten additional Gurkha regiments, which were to have only two bns each, initially. The 'Regiments of the Line' concept was suitably modified and streamlined to three active bns from five by 01 Apr 1924 for some regiments, including the 9th Jat Regiment (revised to five regular bns when two bns of Grenadiers amalgamated into the Regiment in 1930). The seniority of the oldest battalion joining the new 'Regiment of the Line' would decide the overall seniority of that Regiment.

Three Punjab Regiments getting seniority above the Madras Regiment was mischief to give a fillip to the 'Martial Race Theory', justifiably rectified after Independence. The oldest battalion joining the JAT Regiment was the 18th Infantry Regiment, which traced its unbroken history to the Calcutta Native Militia, raised in 1795. Since this battalion was ninth in the seniority (of raising) of still surviving bns raised by the East India Company, our Regiment was called THE NINTH JAT REGIMENT. It was called the 'Jat' Regiment because most troops were Hindu Jats. All the pure Mussalman Rajput Regiments of the erstwhile Bengal Army disbanded because soldiers of the class composition had risen in rebellion in Singapore. Selected troops were transferred/amalgamated and merged with the JAT Regiment. The first Muslim troops in the new JAT Regiment came from the disbanded 5th Light Infantry and 17th Loyal Infantry Regiment in Jan 1922. Today, their colours remain, laid to rest, in the Jat Regiment Museum at Bareilly.

2/6 Royal Jat LI raised from within 6 JAT (LI) was designated the training battalion and the depot. It started functioning in Bareilly from 01 Jan 1922 as the Training Bn of the Regiment. Jat troops from 1/6 Royal Jat LI (later 1 JAT), 2/6 Royal Jat LI (later, the 10 Training Bn) and 10th Jats (later 3 JAT) were distributed to the two other new bns. Troops from the 4/9 Jat (now JRC) for the fifth battalion to be raised as per the original plans fell short.

We may note here that the fifth Battalion of the Regiment was raised by amalgamating elements of two disbanded bns of the Bombay Army, the 2nd and 3rd/150th Infantry Regiment, and adding troops from the 6th Jat Light Infantry. The new raising was called 1st Kumaon and was raised in Bareilly. This battalion remained on the order-of-battle (orbat) of the Regiment until Dec 1923, when vide Indian Army Order No. 934 dated 21 Dec 1923, the unit was transferred to form the training battalion (the 10th) of the 19 Hyderabad Regiment (later the Kumaon Regiment).

The Unique Story of 2 JAT - Erstwhile 119th Infantry (Mooltan)

Meanwhile, the numbers of Bombay and the Madras Army units were drastically reduced in the Reorganisation of the Indian Army of 1921. 119 Infantry Regiment (Mooltan) of the erstwhile Bombay Army had also raised a second battalion during WW I, the 2/119 Infantry), which was later disbanded. Each unit had a Col of the Regiment in the single battalion regiment system in vogue. Maj Gen AW Wardrop was the Colonel of the 119 Infantry Regiment (Mooltan). The class composition of 119 Infantry was nearly 50% Meo Rajputs from Rajputana and the balance being Hindu Gurjars and Muslims from the Deccan and the United Provinces. The recruits from Rajputana then traditionally formed a part of the Bombay Army, as was the case for the Baluchis. Since the 119 Infantry had impeccable war services, it was planned to be retained and designated as the Training Bn for the new 'SIXTH RAJPUTANA REGIMENT'. When Maj Gen Wardrop heard of the plans, he would have nothing of it. To him, a unit with a war service record as impeccable as the 119 Infantry had to remain an active battalion. He could convince the powers that were, and in a last-minute arrangement, 13 Rajput (Shekhawati) Infantry (one of the 18 loyal bns of the erstwhile Bengal Army) was made the training battalion of the 6th Rajputana Regiment and given to the former Bombay Army and 119 Infantry originally from the Bombay Army came to the former Bengal Army. This explains why the JAT Regiment had only one battalion with a three-digit number tracing its lineage to the Bombay Army, the others being 6, 10 and 18.

Similarly, the first five bns of Rajputana Rifles had three-digit numbers(104,120,123 and 125) except for the training centre, numbered 13. Since the class composition in the newly formed Ninth JAT Regiment did not have any troops from Meo Rajputs, Hindu Gurjars or Deccan or

United Province Muslims, all personnel of 119 Infantry were posted-out. Troops from 21 different units were posted-in to form 2/9 JAT with 50% Hindu Jats and 25% Muslim Rajputs (Ranghars), and 25% Punjabi Muslims.

Another serendipitous twist of fate after WW2 was to save this old battalion from near disbandment after the fall of Singapore, with few officers and men surviving Japanese imprisonment. At the time, troops of the war-time raised 15/9 JAT merged with the remnants of post-war 2/9 JAT. Since orders for disbandment of 15/9 JAT did not come, the Regiment omitted to raise a battalion with the number fifteen after the 14th Bn. Finally, 'another' 15th Bn was raised afresh after raising the 18th Bn in May 1976.

10/9 JAT (Training Bn)

As explained earlier, 2/6 Royal JAT LI started functioning as the training battalion of the 9th Jat Regiment from 01 Jan 1922. The training battalion absorbed troops from the disbanded units like the 5th Light Infantry and the 17th Mussalman Rajput Regiments. The troops from the 18th Mussalman Rajput Regiment, after the disbandment of their second battalion (2/18 Infantry), were initially merged into a new raising of an active bn named 4/9th Jat Regiment sometime after Apr 1922 in Loralai, Balochistan.

On 24 Aug 1923, orders were issued for the disbandment of the 4th Bn, and A.H.Q letter No. A/ 21171/1 (A.G.2) laid down that, in order to ensure that the identity of the late 18th Infantry was preserved in the regular army, it would in future be identified with the 10th Battalion, 9th Jat Regiment, and the name of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Royal Jat Light Infantry, would disappear from the Army List. On 11 Sep 1923, the Indian Army Order No. 644 ordered the disbandment of 4/9 JAT and that all troops of the old 18th Infantry be amalgamated with the Training Battalion. This unit was renamed the 10th Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment, which later became the Regimental Centre, the 9th Jat Regiment on 02 Oct 1942 and, in 1945, the JAT Regimental Centre.

Completion of the Process of the New Regimental System

As per the new plans to introduce the 'REGIMENTS OF THE LINE', one TA battalion was raised in every Regiment. Our first TA battalion was raised in Meerut on 11 Mar 1922 as the 11th Bn/9th JAT Regiment, Indian Territorial Force. It took a while before the newly introduced 'Regiments of the Line' system could stabilise. In our case, the stabilisation process was completed only by Apr 1924. The first batch of trained recruits from the Training Bn in Bareilly left for 1/9 JAT on 22 Apr 1924, and the second draft was sent to 3/9 JAT on 03 May 1924. Therefore, it was only around mid-1924 that the JAT Regiment stabilised with three regular, one TA and one training battalion. This arrangement continued till 1930 when two bns of the Grenadiers were added to the Regiment.

1930 - 1941: Combined Regimental Centre of the Jats and the Grenadiers

After the introduction of the new Regimental system in 1922, most of the troops of the Indian Army began to be recruited from North India. Most of the former regiments of the Madras and Bombay Armies were either disbanded or amalgamated into the former regiments of the Bengal Army. A case in point is the conversion of the senior-most Madras Army bns into the 1st and 2nd Punjab Regiment in the reorganisation of 1922. This trend continued from 1923 to 1929. This is further substantiated by the disbandment of the 3rd Madras Regiment in 1928 and the

reduced recruitment of people from the South into the 19th Hyderabad Regiment and their replacement with progressively more Kumaonis and Ahirs from the North. The Hyderabad Regiment later became the Kumaon Regiment. Under the circumstances, a decision seems to have been taken to truncate the 4th Bombay Grenadiers, which had sizeable troops from the Deccan and traditional Maratha areas. Troops from only the Rajputana areas were to be retained. Therefore, while the 3rd, 4th and 5th Grenadiers were disbanded, only the first two bns senior to the senior-most Jat Regiment bns were included and merged with the Jat Regiment. This also helped bring uniformity by having five regular bns in every "Regiment of the Line".

Therefore, on 01 Oct 1930, the training of the recruits of the Grenadiers, then known as the 4th Bombay Grenadiers Regiment, was combined with the Jat Regiment and the 10th Training Battalion of the 9th Jat Regiment was re-named the 10th Bn, 4th/9th Regiments. Notice the plural form. However, it was only in 1937 that Jats from Rajputana (Rajasthan) started getting posted to the Jat bns of the combined group. This joint training battalion arrangement, economical for up to five active bns, continued until just before WW II when additional bns were required to be raised.

Due to the ensuing WW II, an unprecedented expansion of the British Indian Army took place. The infrastructure available to train all the recruits for the existing and the newly raised bns proved to be woefully short. The training of recruits for the Grenadiers was moved out of Bareilly on 15 Jul 1941 to Nasirabad. At Bareilly, the Centre reverted to be the 10th Battalion, the 9th Jat Regiment.

1941 - 1947

During WW II, to support the Allied war effort, the Indian Army expanded to become the largest volunteer army ever raised in the annals of world history. Our Regiment's lone TA battalion converted to a regular battalion and rechristened 7/9 JAT. Other new units of the JAT Regiment were raised (4th, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15 active bns, 25, 26 and 27 Garrison bns, and a Machine Gun Bn) between Jul 1940 and Aug 1943. These mainly were disbanded after WW II, between Mar and Dec 1946. The prefixed numeral of NINTH was dropped in 1945 vide the Indian Army Order number 134/S/45 of 28 Nov 1945 to become the 'THE JAT REGIMENT'.

Two of the bns raised during WW II survived disbandment plans since they were initially planned to replace the two Grenadier bns of the combined group but remained 5 JAT and 6 JAT. After Partition, some Muslims (both Hindustani and Punjabi) opted for Pakistan Army and JATs in the Punjab Regiments, which were to remain with Pakistan, opted for the Indian Army. Some Punjabi Mussalmans (PMs) of 3 JAT that went to the 16th Punjab Regimental Centre and further to 3 BALUCH found themselves, at the Battle of Dograi in Sep 1965, on the opposing side of their old battalion!

Independence Onwards

Volume III of the regimental history gives a detailed account of 1947-1971, to which no additions are necessary except the Roll of Honour which in this Volume is compiled together, for 1947 to 2020 at Appendix E. Since Independence, the Regiment has added 16 regular infantry, two TA, and four Rashtriya Rifles bns whose dates of raising are given at Appendix B.

संगठन व वीरता

This motto of the JAT Regiment was adopted in 1948. Elucidating, Lt Gen Kala writes in the JATVEER 1996,

‘संगठन (Unity) is the sense of oneness and belonging to each other. It is inculcated by organising a body of men into a well-knit team with common aims and interests. This sense, when developed, creates a spirit of give and take co-operation and understanding each other with a large heart and a broad mind.

It also bestows several other virtues, the most important being a predominant urge for obeying the seniors and respecting the elders consistent with the desire of demanding obedience from juniors and respect from youngsters. It thus equips the team with a doubtless loyalty towards each other and an honest sincerity towards the achievement of the common objective. Not only does it create mutual confidence and affection and dispels mistrust and fear amongst comrades, but it also inculcates a sense of discipline and eagerness for a well-coordinated and combined effort without which no effective action is possible.

वीरता (Valour) is the quality of mind which enables a man to face danger with boldness and firmness. It enables him to cast away the sense of fear, anxiety or uneasiness caused by the feeling of danger. This mental attribute is based on an unshakable faith in the cause, leadership, strong determination to achieve the aim and a high sense of sacrifice. It is a state of mind which urges him to display voluntarily a physical and mental gallant act; and inspired by it, a man undertakes a serious risk to life at the cost of his safety and comfort, in the service of a noble and righteous cause. For a well-disciplined mind and body, moral and physical courage and a high sense of duty are its basis and high morale, truthful cause and freedom of spirit are its prerequisites.

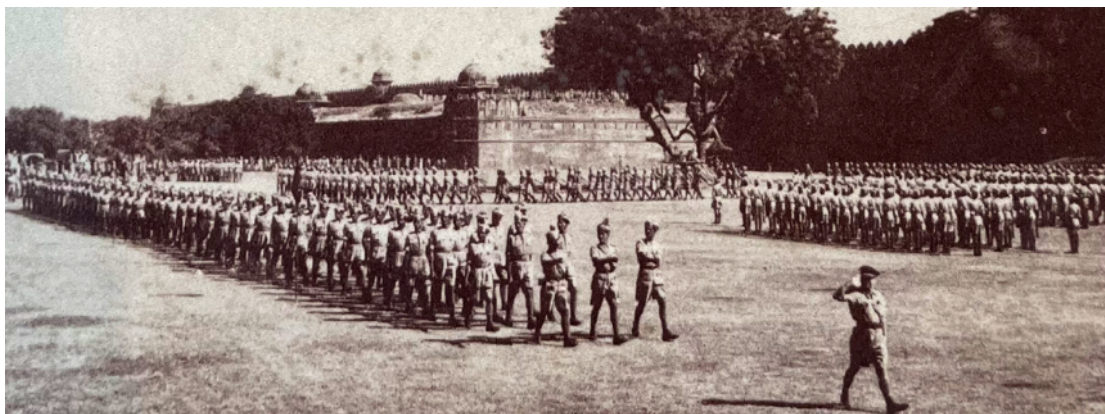
संगठन व वीरता is the foundation on which the traditions of the JATs rest. Over the centuries, the JATs have outstandingly demonstrated that they are immune from fear and anxiety of pain and they are always so equipped with the sense of oneness and cooperation; they are always prepared to put up an example of unity and valour. Sense of danger has totally been overcome by them and loyalty is their life companion, their intense and implicit faith in 'SANGATHAN WA VEERTA' has always given them a hold over all the difficult odds.’

Regimental Spirit

The Jat Regiment celebrated the bicentennial of its Raising on 20 Nov 1995. A definition of Regimental Spirit, by Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, the COJR, published in the Bicentenary Edition of the 1995 JATVEER, is reproduced in original Hindi, followed by the editor's translation.

“रेजिमेन्टल भावना वह अदृश्य सूत्र है जो पलटन में हर अफसर, जे सी ओ तथा जवान को आपसी विश्वास, सौहार्द एवं घनिष्ठता के गठबंधन में बांधता है। ऐसे सैनिक अपनी पलटन व अपने देश के लिए बड़े से बड़ा त्याग करने में भी नहीं घबराते। यही भावना उनकी प्रेरणा की जननी है।”

Regimental spirit is that invisible thread that binds every officer, JCO and jawan in the battalion in a bond of mutual trust, camaraderie and closeness. Such soldiers do not hesitate to make even the most enormous sacrifice for their battalion and country. This spirit is the source of their motivation.



1 JAT ON THE FIRST INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AT THE RED FORT ON 15 AUG 1948



PRIME MINISTER NEHRU GOING PAST 1 JAT'S COLOURS AND THE TRICOLOUR WHILE INSPECTING THE INTER-SERVICES GUARD OF HONOUR AT THE RED FORT ON 15 AUG 1948

PART 2

This part narrates significant activities in the Infantry, RR and TA bns of the Jat Regiment after the historic War of 1971 up to 2020. Accounts of units in Op Pawan in Sri Lanka and Op Vijay in Kargil are covered in separate Chapters. The Regiment, today, is affiliated to INS Trishul of the Indian Navy and 24 Squadron of the IAF, whose brief accounts are given in Chapters 13 and 14, respectively.

This part is covered in Chapters 2 through 8 in chronological order.

Each chapter explains the politico-military background at the International and National levels, followed by the most significant operational achievements of the Regiment, before describing essential activities in each bn in sequence.



*MAJ GEN NH SHAH, GOC 16 INF DIV (PAK), SIGNING THE SURRENDER DOCUMENT AT BOGRA
SEEN IN THE PHOTO ARE MAJ GEN LS LEHL, BRIG B JOGINDER SINGH, MAJ RN BHALLA*

Chapter 2

Decade After the 1971 Indo-Pak War

The Scene

The magnificence of the Indian victory in 1971 astonished the entire World. Respect for the Indian Armed Forces rose to an all-time high within India and abroad. Pakistan was defeated, divided and humiliated, with over 90,000 prisoners in Indian captivity. It was the most decisive war after World War II.

The period 1975 to 1977 saw significant turmoil in the Indian Subcontinent. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's civil government replaced military rule, but not for long. In 1977, Gen Zia ul Haq seized power in a coup, arrested, tried, and executed Mr Bhutto in prison. In the newly created Bangladesh, a bloody coup began with the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, the 'Bangabandhu', along with 20 members of his family, in Aug 1975. Gen Ziaur Rehman seized power in Bangladesh. Both Zias met their tragic ends in the next decade.

India, too, experienced turbulence from 1975 to 1977, when the Prime Minister imposed an emergency. Sikkim merged with India in 1975.

The Decade saw a considerable surge in the frequency and intensity of International terrorism, notably after the Arabs failed to destroy Israel in 1973. In Jun 1976, when terrorists hijacked an Air France airliner with over a hundred Jews and held them hostage, Israel stunned the World when it rescued the hostages from Entebbe in Uganda, killing the hijackers.

Within India, scores of army units were employed to guard Pakistani prisoners of war till the latter were repatriated in 1974. At the same time, the Army upgraded its preparedness for war. Field formations were relocated nearer the border, moving static formations and units into the interior. A Higher Command Course was started at the Infantry School, Mhow (the Army War College came up later) to improve senior leadership in the Armed Forces. In May 1974, India demonstrated its capability to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes. It is widely acknowledged that Pakistan achieved moderate uranium enrichment for the production of fissile material by Apr 1978.

In the Jat Regiment, Lt Gen ML Thapan had been the Col of the Regiment. He was appointed GOC-in-C Western Command in 1972 and later appointed as the VCOAS till his superannuation in 1974. He remained COJR for one more year after retirement. In Jul 1975, Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) RK Jasbir Singh took over as the COJR.

Soon after the 1971 War, the 9 mm Pistol was introduced in the Army to replace the old revolvers. The MAG 58, 7.62 mm MMG came into the bns. In 1976 the bns received the 84 mm RL Mark 2, and the 81 mm MA49 ceased to exist when the war broke out in Dec 1971. A mutually acceptable Line of Control (LC) came into being after signing the Shimla Agreement in Jul 1972. Nevertheless, there was no peace on the LC. Both sides continued to try and grab territory across the LC. 5 JAT cleared one such Pakistani intrusion across the LC. 11 JAT, which had been in the Naushera sector during the War, advanced and occupied an un-held feature in the No Man's Land. Against this backdrop, the activities of the JAT bns are given in this Chapter, with the offensive actions on the Ceasefire Line (later the Line of Control) being narrated first.

Actions on the Ceasefire Line (later the Line of Control)

11 JAT

In Feb 1972, 11 JAT under Lt Col KS Kang was located at Kalsian on the CFL. Even after the ceasefire in Dec 1971, the exchange of fire across the CFL was not uncommon. The enemy had occupied 'Shakeeran Tekri', a feature on the CFL. In a tit-for-tat retaliation, it was decided to occupy a dominating feature, later known as Hardev Tekri 400m across the CFL (later, the LC). This feature was selected for its tactical depth to existing forward-defended localities in the Kalsian Sect. On the night of 27-28 Feb, a coy group plus a commando platoon led by Maj Hardev Singh, the 2IC, crept forward and occupied this un-held feature. Five officers took part in this offensive action.

With the construction of shell-proof bunkers and a good network of communication trenches under the intrepid leadership of Maj Hardev, the feature was converted into a fortress within about two months before the enemy realised the full import of this op. Their counter-attacks, supported by arty, three months later, in Jun 1972, were repulsed. Their final counter-attack with a bn supported by intense arty and mortar fire was repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy. The feature was named 'Hardev Tekri' after Maj Hardev and integrated with the defences in the Sect. India has possessed HARDEV TEKRI ever since. N/Sub Amar Singh was awarded the VrC, two NCOs were awarded the SM, and Maj MS Mathur was awarded M-in-D.

5 JAT

On the night of 29/30 Sep 1972, a half-moon rose at midnight. Sub Rajpal Singh of 5 JAT quietly led an under-strength platoon in the Bhimber Gali (BG) sector, J&K and occupied the 'Teen Cheel Tekri' feature forward of our defences. The JCO deployed his men skilfully to defend the feature against any counter-attack, completing Phase I of the operation.

In Phase II, the Bn evicted Pakistani encroachments the following morning. Lt Col AS Pawar, CO 5 JAT, reinforced the Teen Cheel Tekri with one more platoon under Maj Jarg to dominate the enemy intrusions. The Pakistanis retaliated with heavy and medium machine gun fire till a well-placed 106 mm RCL round destroyed the Pakistani bunker.

At 0930 hrs, Pakistani arty commenced firing airburst ammunition over the Indian positions. Luckily, our men had dug down by then. Despite being allotted one 3.7-inch mountain gun, one section 4.2-inch Mortars, and one medium arty troop supporting the op, the Bde Cdr denied using these to avoid an escalation.

On Lt Col Pawar's insistence, the Bde Cdr permitted the employment of arty. The Pakistanis asked for a ceasefire at 1225 hrs on the same day. During the flag meeting, the Pakistanis agreed to vacate encroachments and dismantle their defence works. The enemy suffered eight killed and 15 injured. 5 JAT accomplished their missions magnificently, with only one OR injured.

The accounts of all bns of the Regiment are narrated hereafter in the order of their number.

Activities of the Bns

1 JAT (LI)

In 1972-73, the Bn was part of 34 Mechanised Bde, located at Jhansi. The CO was Lt Col HS Randhawa from 45 CAV. Lt Col DS Shekhawat from 3 JAT took over in Nov 1973. At this time, most of the activities centred around the training of all ranks on the newly received APC TOPAZ. The main focus was driving, gunnery, target indication on the move, communications, night navigation (mounted and dismounted), and training with Armour.

The Bn moved to Babina in Jan 1974. Col DS Shekhawat emphasised sports activities, including Boxing, Cross Country, Wrestling, Hockey, Kabaddi, Basketball, Volleyball and Athletics. Long night marches, night attacks and watermanship were practised. There was also an emphasis on establishing roadblocks, holding delaying positions and quick withdrawals. The APCs were used to transport troops to the forward assembly areas; after that, all movement was on foot. Daylight assaults were practised with mechanised infantry mopping-up dismounted.

The Bn won all professional and sports competitions. Special attention was paid to the promotion and selection of NCOs. The CO tested them personally. This period brought up a generation of very enthusiastic and well-knit teams. Young officers developed moral courage, physical toughness and leadership skills.

Maj Pokhar Singh was the 2IC. The coy commanders were Maj Jyotiba Patil, Maj Devinder Singh Ahlawat, Maj SL Khanna, Maj VK Chandla, Maj LS Sitara, and Maj Rakesh Marwaha. Capt Shyam Saroop, Capt TS Tanwar, Capt RS Sidhu, Capt Naresh Acharya, Capt Ashok Khurana, Capt OP Yadav, 2/Lt BN Majumdar, 2/Lt Parmeshwar Jha, 2/Lt Ashok Joshi (JAG), 2/Lt Surinder Singh Ahlawat (ASC) and 2/Lt AK Das were the other officers in the Bn.

In 1975, the Bn was reorganised to have three rifle coys instead of four. Lt Col R Narasimhan SC, commanded the Bn at Babina. Since he had come after a tenure at the DSSC, the emphasis shifted to precision battle drills, crisp communications and good staff duties. Training and sports activities continued—the Bn trained with armour. Although infantry training continued, personnel attended courses at the Armoured Corps Centre and School.

Slowly the emphasis shifted to training as Combat Groups operating in conjunction with Air. Induction into bridgeheads, breakout, long-distance movement and inter-formation cross attachments were practised. The newly formed Recce Platoon trained hard. The Bn learned to maintain its equipment and carried out field firing. During inspections, the emphasis was on mobilisation, technical stores and fuel management.

Lt Col SS Kaler from 15 JAT took over in Jun 1978. He had participated in operations in 1962, 1965, Mizo Hills and the 1971 War. The Mechanised Infantry Regiment was formed in 1979, and the Bn was renamed 2 MECH INF (1 JAT [LI]). The Bn remained at Babina till 1981.

2 JAT

After about 45 days of fighting, a ceasefire was declared on 16 Dec 1971. Bn concentrated at Debpur in Bangladesh. 2 JAT relieved 1/11 GR at Dhaka under the leadership of Lt Col KS Dalal on 25 Dec 1971. On 26 Feb 1972, Bn moved to Lekhapani, Arunachal Pradesh. Bn won the football, basketball and volleyball trophies in Bde competitions. The 155th anniversary of the Bn was celebrated on 28 and 29 Oct 1972.

The summer months of Mar to May 1975 were spent in Nagarjuna Sagar, where the Bn took part in the Div exercises. The most surprising event of the year was Div Boxing Championship,

wherein JATs snatched 12 bouts from two Gorkha Bns who had boxers of the national level. The Bn was honoured to present a Guard of Honour to The President of India, Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

The 1976 sports season brought glory to the Mooltanis as the Bn excelled in Div championships of Kabaddi, Wrestling, Volleyball, Basketball, and Athletics and maintained the lead in Boxing. The Mooltanis presented a Guard of Honour to the outgoing Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Sukhadia and the COAS, Gen Raina, MVC, SM.

In 1977, the Bn moved from Hyderabad to Abohar under the command of Lt Col NK Chowdhary, who handed over command to Lt Col RS Mavi on 22 Apr 1977. The Bn added Football to its repertoire of excellence in Kabaddi, Wrestling, and Basketball.

The Bn spent the winters of Feb and Mar in 1978 in the deserts of Suratgarh, participating in formation exercises. The Bn excelled in both professional & sports competitions and made its mark in Suratgarh. The Bn spent Feb 1979 in EX APPLE CART while Lt Gen IS Gill, PVSM, MC, GOC-in-C Western Command visited the Bn. Mooltanis bagged accolades for the excellent job done. The end of Feb brought news of the 5 Mooltani wrestlers participating in the services.

3 JAT

The Bn left Bhitla, Sindh, Pakistan on 27 Feb 1972 to arrive at Bikaner the following day to form part of 322 Inf Bde/12 Inf Div. Lt Col JK Puri took over from Lt Col MS Narag. The Bn re-inducted into occupied territories in Masitwari Tal, Sindh, in Mar, returning to Bikaner soon after the Simla Agreement.

Throughout 1975 the Bn took part in various training and exercises and excelled in sports. The Bn repeated its excellent showing in sports the following year, winning inter-bn basketball, boxing, wrestling and kabaddi and helping the Bde win the 19 Div Basketball trophy. The Bde wrestling team, formed entirely by the Bn, won the Div trophy. On 15 Feb 1976, an avalanche accident claimed the lives of Sep Karan Singh, Sep Dharam Pal, and Sep Jhaman Singh. The unit carried out an op-alert from May to the first week of Jun 1976. On 20th Sep 1976, Shri Bansi Lal, the Defence Minister, Lt Gen HC Rai, PVSM, GOC-in-C Northern Command and Lt Gen SP Malhotra, GOC, 15 Corps, visited the Bn. The Bn celebrated the 11th anniversary of 'The Battle of Dograi' along with a distinguished guest, Brig DE Hayde, MVC.

The Bn left Uri for Ferozepur on 22nd Oct 1977 to serve under 65 Inf Bde/7 Inf Div. The month of Nov was utilised for op area familiarisation. Lt Col NS Behl took over the command of the Bn from Lt Col BR Varma on 09 Jan 1978. Training exercises were conducted in the months of Apr and May. Bn continued its good display in sports winning the basketball, volleyball and cross-country championships. In Jan 1979, the 2IC, Maj HK Jha, was posted out to command 15 JAT. In early May 1979, the Bn participated in exercises where Lt Gen Bhupinder Singh, GOC, 11 Corps, visited the unit while training.

4 JAT

After the 1971 war, the Bn remained at Fazilka for one year. During this period, the Bn organised several flag meetings with the Pakistanis. In Jul 1972, Pakistanis objected to constructing an observation tower at Asafwala. The increased tensions were diffused following a flag meeting after a few hours.

Pay had been disbursed to the men just before the war broke out. The men needed more time to send money orders. Some of their money remained in their pockets when they fought the battle.

At the time of cremation, money was recovered from the deceased's pockets. The currency was soiled, torn and drenched with blood. The State Bank of India exchanged the currency in full. 4 JAT personnel also contributed half a month's pay for the families of soldiers killed in action.

Several dignitaries, including Gen SHFJ Manekshaw, MC, COAS, and AOC-in-C Western Air Command, paid glowing tribute to the Bn. The citizens of Fazilka donated land and constructed a war memorial at Asafwala to honour the war heroes who made the supreme sacrifice during the battle. The memorial trust opened a dispensary and a primary school on the premises. The civil population of Fazilka gave a hearty farewell to the unit on 06 Jan 1973 before the Bn's departure to Jammu.



LT COL RK SURI RECEIVING THE VIR CHAKRA FROM THE PRESIDENT



WAR MEMORIAL AT ASAFWALA, FAZILKA

At Jammu, the unit was under 162 Inf Bde at Miran Sahib and was responsible for Jammu – Sialkot axis. Lt Col RK Suri, VrC, commanded the Republic Day Parade on 26 Jan 1973 at Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu. While at Jammu, the Bn excelled in Wrestling, Cross Country, Boxing, Basketball, Volleyball, Kabbadi and Athletics.

Lt Col RK Suri, VrC, handed over the baton to Lt Col SK Singh on 05 Nov 1973. While at Jammu, the Bn was visited by Lt Gen M L Thapan, the VCOAS and COJR.

The Bn moved to Binnaguri under 165 Inf Bde/20 Mtn Div on 27 Apr 1975, where the Bn won all the sports competitions. The Bn underwent joint training with the Royal Bhutan Army at Haa, Bhutan, from Apr to Jun 1975. On 17 Mar 1976, they moved to Mizoram under 311 Inf Bde/57 Mtn Div.

While at Mizoram, in the intelligence-based CI operations against MNA hostiles, the Bn neutralised one and apprehended several armed hostiles. Capt Satdev Singh, Capt S Ghosh, Capt PK Niyogi and Capt SP Sharma executed several successful raids at MNA camps without any casualties to the Bn.

The Bn had the honour of hosting Brig DE Hayde, MVC, twice in Jan 1977 and Mar 1978, while he was in command of 51 Sub Area. Lt Col MS Gill took over on 29 May 1978. While at Kaying, the Bn participated in validation exercises. The Bn left Kaying on 28 Feb 1979 and arrived at Dagshai on 14 Mar 1979. In Dagshai, the RCL, 81 mm Mortar, Pioneer, and Endurance cum Shooting competitions were won by the Bn with wide margins.

Lt Gen KV Krishnan Rao, PVSM, GOC-in-C Western Command, Lt Gen ML Tuli, GOC 9 Corps and Maj Gen AHE Michigan, MVC, GOC 16 Inf Div visited and appreciated the performance of the Jats. The Bn hosted Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR, in Jul 1980.

5 JAT

After the 1971 War, the Bn moved to Bareilly. It was placed under the command of Meerut Sub Area/UP Area to guard PW Camps. In 1972, Bn moved to J&K and was tasked to seal Pakistan's encroachment in front of FDL 499, which was carried out effectively. The Bn's capture of a Pakistani Post, Tin Cheel Tekri, in the Gen Area of Gambhir under 120 Inf Bde is described earlier in this Chapter. Lt Gen JFR Jacob addressed all ranks and congratulated them on their earlier performance during the Madhumati Crossing Ops and Kamarkhali Ops in Bangladesh and the J&K Sect.

On 14 Feb 1973, after a successful Op tenure, Bn again moved to guard of PW camp at Bareilly and stayed there till 21 May 1973. After that, the Bn proceeded to IS duties at Sitapur. After successfully carrying out the responsibilities, the Bn returned to Bareilly on 02 Jun to take over duties at PW Camps. Sep Ram Kumar of B Coy foiled a PW officer's escape attempt.

Lt Col SP Dua took over command on 09 Aug 1974 and moved the Bn for its field tenure to Kargil (J&K) under 121(I) Inf Bde at the end of 1974, where it remained deployed till Oct 1975. The Bn then was deployed at Kairi from Oct 1975 to Jul 1976 under 70 Inf Bde/3 Inf Div. During the tenure under 3 Inf Div, the Bn underwent exercises on Attack by Infiltration and Establishment of Roadblock, Advance to Contact and Quick Attack, Attack by Infiltration, Advance and Attack, Air Support Demand Procedure, and Construction of Obstacles.

The Bn moved to the Badhwal area under 191 Inf Bde/10 Inf Div from Jul 1976 to Sep 1977. In Oct 1977, the Bn moved to Bikaner under HQ 322 Inf Bde/12 Inf Div and was adjudged the Best Bn in Professional Competitions for 1978-79. Col GS Kahlon took over command on 10 Mar 78. Bn continued at Bikaner till Aug 1981.

6 JAT

The Bn moved to Ferozepur on 25 Jul 1972 from Thakurbari under Lt Col SS Hasabnis. Lt Col RN Bhalla took over on 28 Aug 1972 at Ferozepur. The Bn was tasked to take over the Hussainiwala Enclave on the International border across the Satluj River, lost to the Pakistan Army during the 1971 War. The enclave was taken over after a joint reconnaissance with Pakistani officers led by a Brig. The whole Bn was deployed in the enclave after the Divisional Engineers declared it clear of mines. Subsequently, the number of troops was reduced to just a coy with Capt Buttar in command.

The Bn stood first, thrice consecutively, in the Div, in Eqpt Management. Repeated Arms Inspections resulted in the replacement of 18 worn-out LMG barrels. A Ceremonial Parade, commanded by Maj SP Dua, with the Colours, was held during Raising Day celebrations at Ferozepur.

The Bn participated in a Divisional Test Exercise for 48 Inf Bde in Defence. Impressed by the Bn's defences, Gen OP Malhotra, the Corps Cdr, ordered the entire Corps's officers, JCOs and selected NCOs to visit the Bn's exercise area to emulate its high standards. Instructors posted at the Inf School were also ordered to witness 6 JAT defences. The Bn's stay in the exercise location was extended by ten days for demonstration purposes.

The Bn excelled in wrestling and volleyball by winning the Div Championships. Hav Hawa Singh and Hav Sube Singh represented the Services in the National Championships. Hav Hawa Singh subsequently represented the national team in Volleyball. In Sep 1974, the Bn left by road for Sunderbani for its field tenure as part of 28 Inf Bde/10 Inf Div. Following the formation's norm, the Bn concentrated at the base for carrying out Annual Classification, Battle Physical Efficiency Tests and Physical Proficiency Tests of all ranks, and tactical training

at all levels of command for three months. Families were permitted to join at the base for the training period. The Bde was concentrated near Akhnoor to conduct a Div Test Exercise on “Advance to Contact and Attack”. During the final briefing, the GOC appreciated the Bn for its physical fitness and thumping success achieved during the Bde Test Exercise. During the Corps Cdr’s visit, the GOC remarked that 6 JAT was the Best Bn of his Div.

Lt Col HB Kala, SC, took command on 01 Jan 1976. He was actively involved in giving presentations on the Arab-Israel War of 1973 and the Vietnam War to officers of 16 Corps on behalf of the HQ 28 Inf Div. Remarkably, the CO could address all men of his Bn by the last three digits of their Army Numbers. This accomplishment has inspired generations of officers in the Bn and Regiment. During the tenure of Sunderbani, Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) SK Sinha was the GOC 10 Inf Div. Having served as a young officer in 6 JAT, he regularly visited the Bn. Besides the commendable performance in Op Alerts, the Bn participated in formation exercises. During his service with the Bn, Lt Col HB Kala had been part of the Command Team in Hockey, Athletics and Cricket. Besides excelling in sports and training activities, the Bn successfully conducted many visits of senior officers as the flagship Bn of the Div.

In Dec 1977, the Bn moved to Udhampur as part of 163 Inf Bde, part of the 16 Corps Reserve. Co-located with the HQ Bde and Command, the Bn came under scrutiny in all its areas of functioning. In the absence of a fixed operational role for the Bde, its units were always on the move, particularly the command elements, in various parts of the 16 Corps Zone, encompassing both defensive and offensive roles in varying terrain conditions from the plains of Punjab/Jammu regions and mountainous terrain of 16 Corps. This included all areas of the Doda district up to the Jawahar Tunnel. The unit had adequate time for training for various operational commitments and improvement in the Bn’s performance in multiple sports and training competitions. Continuing the “aboriginals” COs, the third, Lt Col NS Gill, took over in Aug 1978.

In 1978, an uncharacteristic defeat to 3 GUARDS in volleyball prompted a team's training from scratch. Fresh talent under Capt DC Tyagi trained at Jammu, avenging the following year’s contest with 3 GUARDS in straight sets. During the 1979 reunion at the JAT Regiment Centre, the Bn’s volleyball team beat the ‘rest of the regiment’s team in an exhibition match. The Bn volleyball team had a glorious run for years to follow, regularly contributing to the Command teams. The other sports teams likewise trained hard and swept all the championships in the Bde. The company-level training modules ran meticulously, away from the Bn location, so there was no interference in the coy commanders’ planned schedule. That invariably culminated with the Coy going for the Darshan of Vaishno Mata at Bhawan. Legendary for its hospitality, besides the JAT bns deployed across Banihal, most transients preferred to transit through 6 JAT.

In 1979, for security reasons, HQ Northern Command decided to shift the annual Inter Formation Command Athletics, traditionally held at the Bakshi stadium at Jammu, to Udhampur. The Bde Cdr placed complete faith in the Bn, promising full support in mobilising equipment mustered from the supporting arms and services across the Corps Zone/Government resources. The stadium finally took shape, with tiered elevated seating all around. The Bn created temporary structures from the bridging equipment held by the Corps/Command engineers for obstacle crossing. In the bargain, it trained in handling these types of equipment.

During the summer of 1979, the Bn mobilised at short notice for IS duties to address communal discord in Doda District. There were no visible insurgent activities in the district except for a few communal clashes in the Kishtwar market. The situation quickly returned to normal after the deployment of the Bn.

7 JAT

When 8 Mtn Div moved out of Nagaland and Manipur for operations in East Pakistan in 1971, 7 JAT remained deployed for CI operations in the Chakabama area of Nagaland. The CO was Lt Col N Marwah, and the 2IC was Maj MS Kadyan, transferred from Rajputana Rifles because his father had served in the Jat Regiment during the World War. In Feb 1972, the Bn was moved to Manipur to ensure peaceful elections. In Aug 1972, a team under Capt Ravi raided a '5 Bde of the Naga Army' camp. Lt Col Satpal Singh took over the Bn in Sep 1972.

In Jan 1973, Capt RK Kochhar captured self-styled Capt Dizu. The 'Four demons of 5 Bde', as they were called, were killed in an op led by Lt Col Satpal Singh. In another raid, Capt RK Kochhar apprehended a self-styled 'Minister' Dupi, 'Deputy Minister' Ngupelo and one other hostile.

On 31 Jul, Lt Col Satpal Singh, Maj DS Jasrotia and Capt HPS Ahluwalia raided another camp where Capt Ahluwalia was killed in action. The brave officer was awarded the KC.

General elections in Nagaland delayed the de-induction of the Bn. Before their de-induction, the Chief Minister of Nagaland and the GOC of 8 Mtn Div visited and appreciated their performance. Maj Gen Sanjeev Dogra, the GOC of 8 Mtn Div, in 2019, quotes from the Div Archives,

"The GOC directed that the name of 7 JAT be engraved on the silver trophy displayed in the 'A' Mess of the Division."

7 JAT was awarded three Kirti Chakras to Maj MS Kadyan, Capt HPS Ahluwalia and N/Sub Daya Nand. They also received one SM and two COAS Commendations. The Bn had killed 17 militants and apprehended 194 before they moved out of Nagaland to Mumbai. In Feb 1976, they moved to Ahmedabad for IS duties for a short while.

Lt Col SR Yadav, from 3 JAT, took over the Bn in Jul 1976. Shortly after that, the Bn moved to Kalsian in Naushera (J&K) in Sep 1976. In their new area, a patrol under N/Sub Dayasukh apprehended a Pakistani civilian near the LC. The individual was returned to the Pakistan Army in a flag meeting.

In Nov 1979, Maj Gen Bakshi Joginder Singh, MVC, VSM, GOC 25 Inf Div, inaugurated a Mandir constructed at FDL 547 in the Naushera area and later attended a Raising Day function in the Bn. In the same month, Lt Col Kulbir Singh Sahi took over 7 JAT and moved the Bn to Jalandhar.

8 JAT

"We have sanctified the mountains of Poonch with the blood of our Comrades. Never under any circumstances, the richness of this blood be made to look less bright."

-Lt Col RN Chibber

After the heroic defence of Poonch in the 1971 War and earning the Theatre Honour "OP CACTUS LILY" in Mar 1972, 8 JAT prepared itself for a peace tenure at Dharamshala under HQ 33 Inf Bde. With battle-hardened confidence, the Bn excelled in training activities and all competitions. Firing being the forte of the Bn, it won the competition by a considerable margin. Lt Col RN Chibber, the CO and later Col of Jat Regiment, led the firing team and stood first in the individual officers' firing competition.

Lt Col RN Chibber proceeded to Army HQ to serve as Military Attache in Afghanistan in Sep 1972, handing over the mantle of command to Lt Col Prithvi Raj. Lt Col Prithvi Raj, the 2IC

during the War, was the first CO commissioned in 8 JAT. The CO escorted Hon'y Capt Tarif Singh, father of Capt KS Rathi, for the presentation of Vir Chakra (Posthumous) by the President of India in an Investiture ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan in Nov 1972.

From Dharamshala, 8 JAT was inducted to Tangdhar (J&K) for its tenure on the Line of Control as a part of the 104 Inf Bde in Aug 1974. The hierarchy commended the Bn's professional and deliberate executions of operational tasks. Line of Control being dormant, the unit proved its reputation by winning various competitions in the formation. The Bn moved to Lucknow, under Lt Col MS Kadyan, KC, under 41 Inf Bde/4 Inf Div in Jun 1977.

After gaining fruitful experience as part of a Strike Corps, the Bn was moved under 112 Mtn Bde/27 Mtn Div in Aug 1980. During this tenure, Bn conducted various exercises in its Op Area in Sikkim & carried out the construction of field defences in Nathu La. Bn was also called on to curb the IS situation as part of the 44 Inf Bde, which threatened the peace of Assam in early 1983. During the entire decade, 8 JAT proved itself in war and displayed high standards in peacetime activities. Lt Col RN Chibber, in his notes,

"No matter the task's nature and scope, whether in peace or war, No matter what the hazards, the 'Gallant Eight' will carry it out completely and gloriously."

9 JAT

During the Joshimath tenure, Lt Col US Chaddha handed over the baton to Lt Col Jagjit Singh on 17 Jul 1968, who gallantly led the Bn in the battle of Chhamb Sect during the 1971 War against Pakistan.

On 06 Mar 1972, Lt Col Jagjit Singh handed over the baton to Lt Col Narendra Mohan. After the 1971 War, the Bn reached Kargil under the command of Lt Col Narendra Mohan and took over the area from 9 J&K Militia (later 9 Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry) on 30 Jan 1973. During this tenure, based on lessons learnt in the 1971 War, the Bn utilised the period and took stock of the op preparedness with intensive patrolling in the sector. Fd Firing and Battle Inoculation were carried out at Khabuthang Range. On 27 Dec 1973, Maj Gen SP Mahadevan, GOC 3 Inf Div, visited the Bn.

After an arduous tenure in Kargil, the Bn moved to its peace location at Jammu. Individual and collective training was done on the DCB concept. The Bn won the 26 Inf Div MMG and Shooting Competitions, besides the Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball Championships.

The Bn gave a fire-power demonstration to the COAS, Gen TN Raina, MVC on 08 Aug 1975. It stood first in the Inter Bn Mortar & Skill at Arms Competition. On 03 Jan 1977, the Bn gave a demonstration on Counter Attack. On 02 Mar 1977, Lt Col RS Mann took over command.

From Jammu, the Bn moved to Birpur on 17 Aug 1977. Before this, when the Advance Party was on its way to Birpur from Jammu, Tezpur Express, the train in which they were travelling met with an accident between Rangia and Misamari on 30 May 1977 in which three OR were killed; 24, including two officers and two JCOs and 18 OR were injured. Undeterred, the rest of the Bn rescued the civilian co-passengers on board the ill-fated train. For its extraordinary rescue ops, the Bn was awarded four President Jeewan Raksha Padak and five COAS Commendations.

On 17 May 1980, Lt Col RS Mann handed over the baton to Lt Col KJ Singh. For its outstanding performance in Div competitions, the Bn was adjudged the Best Bn of 5 Inf Div.

11 JAT

The Bn was located at Kalsian in the Naushera Sect during the 1971 War and had occupied a feature called Hardev Tekri in Feb 1972 (described earlier). In Feb 1974, Lt Col Kuldip Singh handed over command to Lt Col Hardev Singh. In Dec 1974, the Bn moved to Samba, where it excelled in sports by winning the Div Athletics, Wrestling, Kabaddi, Basketball, Volleyball and Swimming championships.

Before the Bn arrived at Samba, Capt PK Halder was posted to IMA Dehradun as Instructor Class 'C' in Dec 1974. Subsequently, Maj GS Bajwa, the 2IC, was posted to Army Cadet College as Instructor. Lt Col Hardev Singh relinquished command on 17 Dec 1975, with Bn's command devolving temporarily on Maj Mela Singh till Lt Col BK Das took over on 19 Jun 1976. With the new CO, the Bn picked up momentum and continued its winning streak. In May 1977, Capt Pradip K Halder returned to the Bn and led the football team to win the Bde Trophy.

The Bn conducted a demonstration on "Assault across Twin DCB" for 900 officers of the Corps. Unfortunately, Lt Col BK Das had to move out prematurely in early 1978. After that, Maj Mela Singh, Capt PK Halder and Capt GS Bajwa of the Bn were posted on instructional and other important appointments. The command of the Bn now devolved on the 2IC, Maj AK Bhaskar, while the Bn was scheduled to move to Dimapur and then to Mao under 7 Mtn Div.

On 20 Aug 1978, Lt Col BD Dangwal, from 2 JAT, took over command. On 06 Oct 1978, a meeting was held between de Burmese and Indian armies delegations to discuss modalities of liaison and exchange of information between the two armies. The participants were Lt Col Soe Nyunt, Tactical Operational Commander of North West Command, Maj Tim Ngwe, Officer in Charge 89 Burmese Regiment and four other Burmese officers. The Indian delegation comprised Maj Gen Risal Singh, the GOC, Brig SS Manhas, VrC, Cdr 9 Sect Assam Rifles, Lt Col Prem Prakash, GSO-1 (Intelligence) of the Div, Lt Col BD Dangwal, CO 11 JAT, Capt BS Chaudhary, GSO-3 (Intelligence) at the Div HQ, and Capt Heera of the Bde HQ. The discussions were wide-ranging, dealing with Meitei extremists and coordinating operations against them jointly. The meeting was followed by a sumptuous lunch hosted by the Burmese Army. On the previous evening, on behalf of the GOC, the Bn hosted a dinner at Moreh in honour of the Burmese delegation. Maj Gen Risal Singh, the GOC, complimented the Bn for the successful conduct of the event.

On 05 Apr 1979, Brig Bernard Fergusson, who had led a column of the Chindits in 1943, visited the Bn accompanied by his wife. The couple was on a personal visit to see the area they had traversed with the Chindit Force, and he narrated his experiences to the officers. On return to the UK, Brig Fergusson wrote to the Bn, thanking Col Dangwal and all ranks for organising the visit, which also gave them a welcome break during their strenuous journey.

In Apr 1980, the law and order situation deteriorated in and around Imphal. On 15 Jun, setting out with 15 men, Maj Dalip Singh killed four insurgents who were extorting taxes. Maj Dalip was awarded the SM.

The Bn conducted several Intelligence-based ops, Op Mangal being the finest. On the evening of 05 Oct 1980, Col Dangwal was busy receiving reports from his coy commanders when he received a message from a member of the Village Volunteer Force (VVF) regarding the presence of a large number of militants in the general area Asan Khullen near the Indo-Burma border that was two days march away. Any move by surface means risked losing surprise with the likelihood of the insurgents dispersing or exfiltrating to Burma.

The Bde and Div Commanders approved the CO's plan of launching a heliborne raid with one coy using two Mi8 helicopters while moving Maj Pansare's coy by road to Moreh and then

moving North of the target area as a diversion in conjunction with the main raid. At 1400h on 07 Oct, the CO and Maj RS Saharan, with a coy, were helicopter-lifted from the Assam Rifles post at Kangpat to a location which was a six-hour march to the target campsite. Maj Saharan's coy set out immediately on landing. VVF guides (without radio sets) met Maj Saharan near the hideout to inform him that they were late as the gang had already moved out and were unsure in what direction. With guides, small patrols from within the raiding force were sent out in different directions. The coy moved to close in with speed at 0800 hrs the next day, by when the insurgent group was located. The assaulting coy established contact at 1315 hrs. A few militants got away sans their belongings. A small patrol pursued, but the militants dispersed to save their lives. Eight insurgents were killed and two wounded. Four rifles, seven 12-bore guns and one pistol were recovered. Sep Shisupal Singh was injured. Maj RS Saharan was awarded the KC, and two JCOs received SMs.



OP MANGAL LAUNCHED BY 11 JAT IN MANIPUR



RECOVERIES IN OP MANGAL

The troops prepared an emergency helipad near the hideout, where the CO landed in a Mi 8 helicopter flown by Wg Cdr Sharma. The aircraft evacuated the dead and wounded and the apprehended personnel. Col BD Dangwal VSM** recalls:

“What contributed to our success was, first, the creation of a reliable and effective Intelligence network; second, their faith in our Bn; third, our rapid move by road and helicopter due to which the men were fresh for the raid, and we maintained surprise. Fourth, raiding parties launched soonest without waiting for the time of the day. At that time, this was considered unconventional. Last but not least was the professional leadership of the company, platoon and even the section commanders. The men of Eleven were simply superb.

In the Division, there was excellent rapport, faith and trust between the GOC, Cdr and the CO. This is essential in combat.”

After Op Mangal, 11 JAT was assisted by two hardcore Lhasa-trained militants apprehended during Op Mangal. Later, in another operation, the Bn arrested two more insurgents. On 11 Dec 1980, based on reliable information, Maj BS Malik of the Bn apprehended Th Rajan Achouba Singh, third in the hierarchy of the insurgents. After three days, in another operation, based on intelligence, Maj BS Malik apprehended an insurgent who was earlier involved in an insurgent raid on Sainik School, Imphal. This led to the apprehension of several insurgents and the recovery of 50 rifles. Maj BS Malik was awarded the SM. In yet another operation, Capt Balvinder Singh led a raid where they destroyed an insurgent hideout and captured one hardcore insurgent, recovering two rifles and one LMG with a large quantity of ammunition.

While in Manipur, the Bn gave a presentation on the heroic Battle of Nungshigum on the actual battlefield North of Imphal. In this battle, Jemadar Abdul Hafiz was awarded the Victoria Cross. In the Battle of Kanglatongbi, Maj Risal Singh, MC, was killed in action. The presentation to 8 Mtn Div was so poignant that Brig Dal Singh, a Bde commander in the Div and the younger brother of Maj Risal Singh, MC, broke down, prompting him to write a touching note appreciating the presentation. To better understand the locals, Maj PK Halder conducted a detailed study, over 45 days, of the Zeliangrong tribe in the Tamenglong - Nungba area of Northwest Manipur.

During the tenure, the Bn received one KC, four SMs, and two COAS Commendations. Lt Col BD Dangwal was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal. Gen OP Malhotra, PVSM, the COAS, visited to convey his appreciation. In Jan 1981, Lt Col BD Dangwal handed over to Lt Col AK Bhaskar.

12 JAT

The Bn was initially raised as 31 JAT with an all-India all-class composition, on 06 Feb 1970, at Bareilly, under the stewardship of Lt Col Nand Lal. The Bn was raised on the Modification Insurgency (MOD (I)) concept. MOD (I) bns were raised in 1970 to operate in a CI role in the NE region. The initial rank and file comprised 155 soldiers each from the parent Regiment (JAT) besides PUNJAB, RAJPUT and the SIKH Regiments. The composition was kept heterogeneous down to the section level. The JAT Regimental Centre provisioned clerical staff and tradesmen.

The Bn was to taste combat very soon in the eastern theatre within the first two years of its raising with a stroke of luck. The move to Silchar (Assam) commenced on 20 May 1970. The Bn was grouped into three columns. The first column along the main axis comprised two Coy(s) (A and C) and Bn HQ under the CO, Lt Col Nand Lal. Maj PS Bindra, the 2IC, moved along the subsidiary axis with the B Coy group, and the D Coy group took a different axis

under Capt PS Rajput. On arrival in the area, A Coy (Maj AS Panghal) occupied posts at Thingfal and C Coy (Maj TS Bajwa) at Tawipui. The other two coy(s) were employed on road opening and convoy protection duties on roads Lungleh – Aizawl and Lungleh – Laungtalai, respectively.

After the Indo-Pak War in 1971, the Bn again got a chance to test its mettle in the insurgency-prone areas of Mizoram under the leadership of Lt Col PS Bindra. This tenure helped the Bn get recognition in the eyes of the superiors and instilled self-confidence in all ranks. During this tenure, the Bn converted from Modification (Insurgency) to a standard infantry bn, becoming 12 JAT on 15 Jun 1972. Several apprehensions were made in Mizoram. On 18 Mar 1974, at Bawankawng, after receiving an intelligence report that SS Capt Kawlbuiaia had visited Dhurtalang, Maj Resham Singh was sent on a special mission by Brig VN Sharma, Cdr 73 Mtn Bde. SS Capt Kualbuiaia was apprehended from Dhurtalang. In another operation on 21 Mar 74, Lt Col PS Bindra, CO 12 JAT, after being briefed by the Bde Cdr, led a special patrol to Aizwal town and apprehended nine suspects from Hotel Chalna and on the same day in Dhurtalang, arrested seven male and two female suspects. On 22/23 Mar 74, a special patrol under Capt KB Thapa apprehended one suspect. Another special patrol led by Lt JK Sharma arrested two suspects from Aizwal.

Lt Col AS Kaicker took over the reins of the Bn at Bikaner under 322 Inf Bde. Lt Col AS Kaicker commanded up to Jun 1979. The Bn moved to Hamirpur under 191 Inf Bde.

14 JAT

The Bn was inducted into Mizoram in Jul 71, from where it took part in Op Cactus Lily in Bangladesh from 03 Dec to 16 Dec 71 under Lt Col LN Sabherwal. Proving its mettle, the Bn succeeded in capturing Lalgarh (04 Dec), Comilla (08 Dec) & Narayanganj (16 Dec) during the war, thus playing a crucial role in the liberation of Bangladesh, thereby much deservedly earning the Theatre Honour “EAST PAKISTAN 1971”. The welcome awarded by the people of Comilla was both touching and impressive.

After the tenure at Misamari, the Bn moved on 26 Nov 1973 and arrived at its new location Chandimandir on 06 Dec 1973. Lt Gen OP Malhotra, GOC 11 Corps & GOC-in-C designate Southern Command paid a farewell visit to the unit. He praised the unit's actions in the 1971 war and appreciated the job done during exercises. The Bn took an active part in all the sports & professional events and displayed high professionalism. The notable training events were the 150 km Route Mar and Fd Firing, where the Bn stood first in the Bde. The mighty JATs showed their presence in the sports field by winning the 11 Corps Volleyball Competition & finishing among the top teams in Football and Boxing Competitions. The Bn celebrated their 11th & 12th raising days at Chandimandir. Maj Gen RK Jasbir Singh visited the unit on 13 Nov 75, soon after taking over as COJR.

After the peace tenure of Chandimandir, the Bn moved to Poonch on 06 Sep 76. Bn was given a warm welcome by HQ 93 Inf Bde, followed by an address by the GOC, Maj Gen T S Oberoi, VrC. Troops held their positions on LC by rigorous patrolling and surveillance, which resulted in the capture of a Pak civilian trying to infiltrate. The Jats won the Inter Bn Wrestling Competition, the General Chowdhary trophy twice, and the Inter Bn Athletic Competition. The Bn also won the Inter Bn Volleyball trophy and Inter Bn Mortar Competition trophy. Lt Col KS Kahlon handed over the command to Lt Col AS Sumra on 22 Feb 1977.

15 JAT

On 15 May 1976, the 15th Bn was raised by Lt Col Jawahar Singh Chowdhary at JRC, Bareilly. The first flag hoisting of the unit was conducted at JAT RC on 15 May 1976. The strength of the Bn was ten officers, three JCOs and 24 OR. Maj Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR, visited the Bn during its raising. In an unfortunate accident, 2/Lt RS Ghuman, the first officer commissioned into the Bn, died on 10 Jun 1976 due to a cardiac arrest immediately after the 10 Mile Run test. On 16 Nov 1976, the Bn was declared operationally ready and fit for war.

On 08 Feb 1977, The Bn left Bareilly for Mongpong, coming under 112 Mtn Bde/17 Mtn Div. The wrestling team of the Bn, although young, won the Bde & Div competitions and marked a stepping stone towards an ace wrestling team. The first AIA of the Bn was also conducted at Mongpong.

On 05 Feb 1978, Bn moved from Mongpong to Mamit, Mizoram, under 73 Mtn Bde/57 Mtn Div. On 02 Mar, after undergoing two weeks of CI training at the Divisional Battle School at Variengate, the Bn occupied posts at Kawartha wing (A Coy), Phai Long and Lailam (B Coy), Lakkhichhara (C Coy) and Aizawl (D Coy), with Bn HQ at Mamit, administrative base at Dhurtalang and the rear base was at Lailapur. Bn started its rally of successes, with the first apprehension being made by a party under Maj SS Tanwar. The wrestling team stood first in the Wrestling Championship held during Regiment Reunion. The last month in 57 Mtn Div was spent at Masimpur conducting CI ops in North Cachar.

Lt Col HK Jha, from 3 JAT, took over command as the second CO at Mamit under 73 Inf Bde/57 Inf Div in Op Battle Axe on 19 Jan 1979. To curb the rebel activities in the Pakwa valley, the Bn initiated and conducted Op Nakabandi from Dec 1979 to Jan 1980. The Bn's plan to clear the Mamit area from the rebels and their activities was approved by Brig (later Lt Gen) FT Dais, Cdr 73 Inf Bde, who laid down that apprehension of hostiles was the key while 'kills' were acceptable only in self-defence.



THE RAISING TEAM OF 15 JAT WITH LT COL JAWAHAR CHOWDHARY

This intense operation, consisting of a series of simultaneous search and seizure operations, raids and ambushes at different places in Pakwa valley, was executed with a high degree of fire control to clear the Mamit district of all the insurgents that were reported to be hiding in the area and collecting levies. The leading role played by all the Coy Commanders in this op, namely Maj SS Tanwar (D Coy), Major PS Rautela (C Coy), Major PG Roy (A Coy), Major PC Tiwary (Support Coy) and Capt Rajendra Joshi and Capt Rajesh Bawa (B Coy), the Bn apprehended several hard-core insurgents and recovered large quantities of arms, ammunition, cash, incriminating documents and other stores and equipment of Chinese and Pakistani origin, used for promoting anti-India activities.

During Op Nakabandi, on 04 Dec 1979, information about a Mizo National Army (MNA) group hiding nearby a village was received. Nk Jile Singh, the patrol leader, went carefully to the spot along with his patrol and entered the house discreetly through the window. The insurgents ran away from the house and went outside the village. Instead of opening fire endangering civilian lives, Nk Jile Singh pursued the insurgents and caught hold of the insurgent leader with the help of Sep Ram Kumar. On night 12-13 Jan 1980, in Nalazwal, the team of Sub Pitam Singh were fired upon near the village. Sub Pitam Singh followed the fleeing insurgents into a forest, where they were surrounded and apprehended. Sub Pitam Singh and Nk Jile Singh were awarded the SM, the first gallantry awards to the Bn.

General OP Malhotra, COAS, visited Mamit soon after that to address the Bn and assess and appreciate these achievements' positive and far-reaching impact in Mizoram. The remaining tenure is covered in the next chapter.



GEN OP MALHOTRA, COAS, ADDRESSING 15 JAT AND CITIZENS OF MAMIT

16 JAT

Maj BS Bains joined 16 JAT during the 1971 War. He took over the Bn in Mar 1972 and moved the Bn to Sikkim in Aug. The Bn commenced preparing permanent defences in Jun 1973. In Dec 1974, the Bn moved to the Nathu La Sect. The famous cartoonist, Shri RK Laxman, visited Nathu La. He drew a cartoon of the two adversaries occupying defences, but along the border fence, he drew flowers, hoping that one day the fence would be replaced by flowers. During Sikkim's merger with India, the VCOAS personally briefed the CO to ensure there was no bloodshed at the time of the merger. The Bn took precautions to deploy around the Palace to protect the Chogyal and his family while extending all courtesies to the Chogyal, the erstwhile monarch. The Bn won the Best Bn Defended Area trophy and Maintenance Trophy. 2/Lt Rajinder Singh was adjudged the Best Student on the YO's course and awarded the Commando Dagger.

In 1975, the Bn moved to Palampur (HP). The Bn evolved battle drills for an attack across linear obstacles. In Sep, the Bn won the Div Mine Laying Competition under Capt Rajinder Singh. Approved for promotion, Lt Col HS Chaudhary rendered an adverse career certificate preferring to wait to take command of 16 JAT, taking over from Lt Col Bains in Jun 1976. Maj Gen Himmat Singh, GOC 26 Inf Div, was impressed by the speed of launching the reserves of two coys when Phase-1 of the Bn's attack was made to exercise-fail during a Div level exercise.

While visiting the op area, Maj Gen Kaul, GOC 39 Inf Div, wanted to see an impromptu 'immediate counter-attack' by a rifle coy on the DCB. He was impressed with the Bn's training when two such counter-attacks were immediately shown to him that day. In Jun 1979, 16 JAT moved to dominate a section of the UP-Tibet Border. One of the passes on the Himalayan watershed was Kungri Pass, which was not easy to reach. A few patrols returned unsuccessfully, so the CO arranged nameplates of Kungri Pass to be worn by the persons who could reach the Pass. The remaining tenure is covered in the next chapter.

17 JAT

On 15 Aug 1972, Lt Col Jagwant Singh Sindhu assumed command. On 07 Jan 1973, Lt Col AP Sharma reported to the Bn from HQ 2 Corps and took over command on 22 Jan 1973. The seventh Raising anniversary was celebrated with great ardour and enthusiasm in Jammu. In Nov 73, the Bn moved to Nagaland under 81 Mtn Bde/8 Mtn Div.

On reaching Nagaland, the Bn initially trained at CIJW School. Shri Hokishe Sema, Chief Minister of Nagaland, visited. The unit carried out various ops in a CI environment. Op Moby Dick was conducted to apprehend the insurgents in Unit AOR while a curfew was imposed in Chakabama, Kizo town and Kezoma for a short duration. Op Green Horn resulted in the apprehension of SS 2/Lt Viseho and SS Sgt Major Vikhol. Unit recovered one Rif 7.62 mm, one Magazine and 15 rounds. Op Umaid-IV was launched on 10 Jan 75, in which 29 insurgents of the so-called "Naga Army" were captured. Maj Gen GS Rawat, GOC 8 Mtn Div, and Shri Vizol, CM, Nagaland, visited on 24 May 1975. On 04 Dec 75, Lt Col A P Sharma was posted to JAT Regiment Centre as Commandant on promotion to Col, and Lt Col Shakti Singh assumed command.

On 19 Sep 75, the Bn arrived at its new location at Pithoragarh under 69 Mtn Bde/6 Mtn Div. Gen GG Bewoor, COAS visited the Bn. Bn took part in various formation exercises, sand model discussions and TEWT. Bn also won Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Cross-country and Athletics Championships of the Div. On 23 Oct 78, the Bn got an opportunity to welcome Shri Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister. Maj Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR and Lt Gen Chandolkar, GOC 1 Corps, visited the Bn. On 17 May 79, Lt Col MP Singh assumed command.

18 JAT

During the Indo-Pak 1971 War, 18 JAT protected the borders along the harsh Himalayan terrain in Chumathang, Ladakh. During this tenure, the unit worked hard to improve the LAC's defence potential, and frequent LRPs were conducted until the Pakistani surrender. In Feb 72, Lt Col AP Sharma proceeded for LDMC-2 after handing over to Lt Col Suresh Chander. The Bn moved to Clementtown, Dehradun, the first peace station after six years in the field. The Bn won the 14 Div Shooting competition. Lt Gen ML Thapan, PVSM, COJR, visited the Bn.

Later, the unit moved to Mizoram under 73 Inf Bde, and the valiant JATs set up a record of catching 23 exercise hostiles during the final exercise of its familiarisation training in the CIJW School. But this was just a testbed for the operations that followed. The Unit reached its location at Kawlkulh in Nov 1974, where the Bn apprehended several insurgents. In Jun 1977, the 2IC Maj MS Kadyan, KC, was posted out to command 8 JAT.

The Bn again moved under 57 Mtn Div to Mizoram as a part of 311 Mtn Bde in Jul 1979, in the active area of Hnahthial for Op Battle Axe.

114 Inf Bn (TA)

During the 1971 War, 114 Inf Bn (TA) guarded airfields at Bareilly, Hindon, and Agra and were later deployed to guard POW camps after the War. The Bn executed its tasks proficiently. 121 Infantry Bn (TA) of the Jat Regiment was at Alipore, Calcutta, when its regimental affiliation changed to Garhwal Rifles in Apr 1979.



*MAJ GEN RK JASBIR SINGH, COJR, VISITING 114 BN TA.
LT COL PIRTHI SINGH, CO, AND MAJ BACCHAN SINGH, 2IC*

Chapter 3

THE TURBULENT 1980s

General

The decade of the 1980s turned out to be the most turbulent one for India.

There was grave turmoil in Punjab which led to the launch of Op Blue Star in Jun 1984, along with Op Woodrose, which involved deployment on the Western Border with Pakistan. At the same time, Op Rakshak was launched to overcome Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Punjab. It was a difficult period for the Nation.

Before that, in Apr 1984, troops had been rushed to occupy the Saltoro Ridge to prevent Pakistani forces from occupying the same. Thus, began Op Meghdoot, which continues even today. Even while these were in progress, violence broke out in Sri Lanka. To prevent intervention by inimical powers in our neighbourhood, India responded to Sri Lanka's request for aid and launched Op Pawan in 1987. In Nov 1988, terrorists tried to seize power by staging a coup in the Maldives. The Indian Armed Forces reacted swiftly by launching Op Cactus to assist the Maldives Government.

Gen Sundarji had taken over as the COAS in 1986. He conducted a major op-oriented exercise called EX BRASS TACKS to exhibit India's conventional strength. Simultaneously other formations were deployed on the border under Op Trident. This rattled Pakistan, which also conducted a similar exercise later. In Arunachal Pradesh, the Army launched Op Falcon, upgrading the defensive preparedness by deploying close to the LAC.

Not content with fomenting trouble in Punjab, President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan planned to conduct a proxy war in J&K using religious radicalisation as a weapon. The General perished mysteriously in an air crash on 17 Aug 1988.

The Indian Army decided to upgrade many appointments to improve the promotion prospects of all ranks. A significant effect was an upgrade in the rank of COs of units from Lt Col to Col. This increased the age of COs whose command was delayed by two to three years. It also led to the second command by Cols with prolonged command tenures by a few with far-reaching consequences.

In the Jat Regiment, Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh was the COJR since Jul 1975. He became GOC of the Srinagar Corps in 1980 and later the Military Secretary at Army HQ. When the General retired in Apr 1985, Maj Gen RN Chibber took over as the COJR. The same year, Maj Gen R Narasimhan, SC, raised 29 Inf Div and commanded 33 Mechanised Div later during EX BRASS TACKS. During the 1980s, the bns received the Fagot, Konkurs and Milan ATGMs. The bns received the 51 mm Mortar known as the 'Platoon Cdr ka Topkhana'. The bns began receiving night vision devices.

2 MECH (1 JAT LI)

Lt Col SS Kler had been the CO when the Bn was re-designated as Second Bn, the Mechanised Infantry Regiment [1 JAT (LI)] in 1979 though the JAT flag flew in 2 MECH INF (1 JAT LI) till early 1981. Mementoes were exchanged with the JAT RC on Festubert Day in Nov 1980.

The JAT RC constructed a monument at Fatehgarh (UP) to commemorate their 1803 raising. During the 1980s, 2 MECH INF (1 JAT LI) served at Patiala and then at Hissar after Sep 1986.



PLAQUE IN FATEHGARH COMMEMORATING THEIR RAISING IN 1803

The conversion to mechanised infantry took all the time of the Bn. The hard training and genuine welfare bonded the men into strong teams. The 'Dadi Paltan' was presented with its new Colours on 24 Feb 1988. At this time, the Bn still had TOPAZ APCs.

In Jul 1989, the Bn commenced receiving BMP 2 Infantry Combat Vehicles and learned to fight mounted. In Dec of the same year, a detachment based on two BMPs was placed under another Bn for trials and training on the Indira Gandhi Canal. The current was four knots, and the water was cold. During manoeuvres, one BMP of the Bn sank in the canal. The EME personnel could not take the BMP out as they could not hook the BMP to the Armoured Recovery Vehicle. The JCO was distressed and said he would drown in the canal as he could not show his face in the Bn. He requested his seniors to call for Maj Parmeshwar Jha from the 2 MECH INF.

Maj Jha arrived with a group of swimmers who tried to place a rope in the hooks of the BMP under 10 ft of water. At that stage, the officer decided to go down himself. When he commenced removing his clothes, N/Sub Dharampal from 21 MECH INF, originally from 1 JAT (LI), caught the hand of the officer and said,

“Datiyo Sahab, Jab tak main hun Royal Jat ka koi officer pani men nahin jaega”.

The JCO went into the water. In his third attempt, he could place a rope in the hook of the BMP and winch it out. The BMP was pulled out of the water but kept on the sloping bank to let the water run out. At this time, the driver of the BMP rushed in to bring out his tin of ghee!

2 JAT

Lt Col NK Gupta took over the command of the Mooltan Bn from Lt Col RS Mavi, SC, on 08 Feb 1980. The Bn moved from Abohar to Damana near Jammu, handing over the Abohar sect to 4 MARATHA. On 27 Feb 1980, Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR, visited during an exercise where it acted as Obstacle Crossing Control Organisation in an offensive role. Col DS

Shekhawat, the Centre Commandant and Maj Gen Bakshi Joginder Singh, MVC, VSM, GOC 15 Inf Div, visited 2 JAT at Damana. In Jun and Jul, the Bn trained and rehearsed its Op role. The year 1980 ended up with an endurance march of 100 km.

On 30 Sep 1982, Lt Col KD Sharma took over the command of 2nd (Mooltan) The JAT Regiment from Lt Col NK Gupta. The Bn bagged the Anti Tank, Commando, Cross-country, Kabaddi and Firing competitions. The entire Kabaddi team went up to the Services level.

Nb Sub Shankar Singh and Hav Bijay Singh stood first in the Services Meet in Pole Vault and 400m Low Hurdles, respectively. Lt Gen AK Handoo, GOC 16 Corps, visited and applauded the Bn's efforts and standards.

The Bn moved to New Mal to relieve 25 PUNJAB in Feb 1983 in the Jampui Talang area. Coy locations were Dasda, Talpaibari, Khantalang and Phuldong, with Bn HQ at Hmunpari. Army Cdr's commendation cards were awarded to Maj Ashok Kumar and L/Nk Raghubir Singh. In the field of sports, all competitions at the Bde level were bagged by the Mooltanis. ARA and commando teams excelled in their performance. A golf course was prepared at Sonagachi for the frequent visiting VIPs. Bn was tasked with counterattacks in the 17 Mtn Div Sect at high altitude from Nathu La to Kala Tekri and up to Gunhill and Guards Ridge in Sikkim.

Col AS Reddy took over the command of the Bn from Lt Col K D Sharma in May 1985. The Bn won ARA, Commando, Mortars, Anti Tank, Cross-country, Kabaddi, Boxing, Wrestling and Volleyball in the Bde. Col AS Reddy, CO, was awarded the COAS commendation card, and Maj Jagjeet Singh was awarded the Army Cdr's Commendation. On 06 Jun 1986, the Bn returned from an exercise following the arrival of the advance party of 16 MARATHA LI at New Mal.

From New Mal, the Bn moved to Dharamshala in Sep 1986. The Bn spent Sep to Dec settling in Dharamshala and getting used to the local ethos and climate. The Bn also conducted two exercises in the nearby hills to practice the Div's role. As part of Op Trident, the Bn moved to Akhnoor on 23 Jan 1987. The Bn remained in Chhamb till 07 Feb 1987.

Meanwhile, high-level talks were on between India and Pakistan wherein they decided to reduce their forces along the IB (excluding LC). The Unit was warned to be ready to de-induct and move to 25 Mtn Div Sect for an impending task. At last light on 15 Mar 1987, the Unit left Moghala for Dharamshala via Sunderbani, Akhnoor. Op Trident was over. The Bn stood first in the Commando Competition.

Lt Col RC Prashar assumed the command of the Bn in 1988. The Unit won the 39 Div Small Arms Firing Competition in Feb for the second successive year. In Mar, the performance was repeated with the Commando Competition. During May, the Bn participated in EX RANVIJAY, involving an attack by infiltration. On 05 Jun, Shri S Venkatraman, President of India, visited Mcleodganj (2 km from the Unit) and also laid a wreath at Dharamshala War Memorial. Lt Col RC Prashar, CO, attended the ceremony.

2 JAT were to relieve 20 JAT in South Tripura. The Unit concentrated on 06 Sep 1988 at Massimpur. On 28 Mar 1989, during Op Gherabandi, a Bn level Op wherein the Bn lost Sep Sitaram in an encounter with militants, His body was cremated with full military honours at Longching on 29 Mar. Lt Gen BC Joshi, AVSM, GOC 3 Corps, visited on 22 Aug 1989.

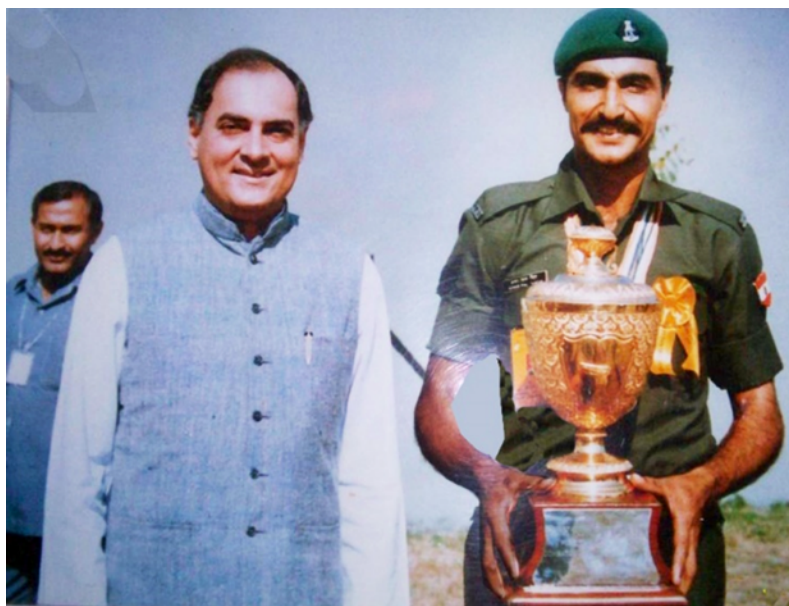
3 JAT

The Bn was at Ferozepur as part of under 65 Inf Bde/7 Inf Div/11 Corps. Lt Col M Krishna Rao assumed command of the Bn on 31 Jan 1980. The Bn began moving from Ferozepur to its next location in South Mizoram in Aug 1981. After pre-induction training at CIJW School in Vairengte, the Bn reached Lungleh (Pukpui), South Mizoram, on 12 Oct 1981 under 311 Mtn Bde/57 Mtn Div. Seven suspects were apprehended in the first week-long ops on 23 Jan 1982. An op conducted from 12 to 20 Feb, led by the CO, resulted in the surrender of SS Lt Pul Thangthuama. On 18 Sep, Capt SC Bali led an op in the Yerengsuri area, killing one armed hostile and recoveries of two 9 mm pistols along with 40 rounds.

Lt Col SS Gehlawat assumed command on 29 Sep 1982. On 10 Aug 1983, a patrol led by Maj Umesh Pandit overpowered two hostiles hiding in the Kojai Jhoan area, recovering a .303 rifle and 45 rounds of ammunition from them. The Bn stood first in the Basketball tournament held at JRC in May 1984. Hav Om Prakash was selected for the national team and participated in the Indo-Thailand Basketball tournament held in Thailand between the 17th – 27th of May. Brig DE Hayde, MVC, graced the Dograi Day celebrations on the 19th anniversary of Battle Honour day.

On 23 Oct 1984, Lt Col VK Bhuchar took over command and moved the Bn to Lucknow under 41 Inf Bde/4 Inf Div. The Bn provided one contingent for the Republic Day parade, led by the CO, held in Lucknow. Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, PVSM, COJR, visited On 02 Mar 1985. Nk Amarpal Singh of the Unit won two gold medals and one silver medal in the National Shooting Championship 1987 held at Ahmedabad. On 24 Jan 1987, the Bn moved for Op Trident at New Delhi via Allahabad. It was immediately tasked with IS duties in East Delhi, returning to Lucknow on 02 Apr.

Lt Col SS Ahlawat took over on 03 Mar 1987. The Unit reached Gaccham in Nov 1987 under 311 Mtn Bde/5 Mtn Div. The Bn volleyball, basketball and boxing teams were selected for Command-level competitions that single-handedly won the Eastern Command Championships.



*HAV AMARPAL SINGH RECEIVES THE PRIME MINISTER'S CUP
FROM PRIME MINISTER RAJIV GANDHI*

In Oct 1988, Hav Amarpal Singh won the Prime Minister's Shooting Cup. The individual won three Gold, three Silver and two Bronze medals, besides a cash award of Rs 34,500. In a rare gesture, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi presented to Hav Amarpal his personal .38 revolver. Nk Hawa Singh of the Unit broke the Eastern Command 50 km walk record and came first in the event.

After completion of the op alert on 23 Nov 1988, the Bn marched back from Kreteng to Bomdin, a distance of 60 km, in a blizzard blowing and heavy snowfall. The Bn returned to Gaccham on 05 Dec after the op alert. The Bn team single-handedly routed all rival teams to win the 5 Mtn Div Basketball Championships. In volleyball, the Div team, mostly of players from the Bn, stood as runners-up in Eastern Command Volleyball Championship. Bn less two coys, along with 1412 Field Battery and elements of AMC, ASC, EME and APS, commenced induction into eastern Bhutan (Yongphula) on 08 Apr 1989 to carry out the first joint training cycle with the IX Wing of the Royal Bhutan Army. The Bn returned to Gaccham on 11 Aug.

The Bn moved to Kibithu in Dec 1989. The Bn came under 82 Mtn Bde/2 Mtn Div/4 Corps. Lt Col KS Sivakumar took over from Lt Col SS Ahlawat. On 15 Apr 1990, Lt Col Sivakumar was promoted to Col. The Bn continued its supremacy in sports with the kabaddi team single-handedly winning the eastern Command Kabaddi Championship. Five players were selected to play in the Services championship. Gen SF Rodriguez, PVSM, VSM, the COAS, visited on 24 Nov 1990.

4 JAT

Lt Col SK Singh, from 3 JAT, took over command of the Bn on 06 Feb 1981 from Lt Col MS Gill. While at Dagshai, the Bn participated in several training exercises. Lt Gen KV Krishna Rao, GOC-in-C Western Command, Lt Gen SK Sinha, GOC 2 Corps, Maj Gen IJ Khanna, GOC 9 Inf Div and Maj Gen JN Tamini, GOC 16 Inf Div, visited to observe op preparedness of the Bn. Maj BS Nagal was nominated to attend the Staff Course at Camberley, United Kingdom, the first JAT officer to attend this prestigious staff course. The Bn excelled in Khud Race, Endurance cum Shooting, 81 mm Mortar, Cross Country, Football, Basketball and Boxing Competitions. Two ex-COs, Brig RK Suri, VrC, Cdr 166 Inf Bde, on 15 Aug 81 and Col DS Shekhawat, Commandant, JRC, visited on 28 Aug 81. In Oct 1981, 12 sportsmen from the Bn were selected for Command, National, Services & Asian Games Teams.

The Bn participated in several training exercises to practice offensive role and Infantry Tank training with 64 Cavalry equipped with Vijayanta tanks. Bn also conducted trials for 'Indication of Targets to Aircraft by Smoke'. Raising Day was celebrated on 26 and 27 Feb at Dagshai with great pomp and show after de-inducting from the op area. Bn left Dagshai on 27 Jun. En route, the Bn enjoyed the hospitality of 7 JAT at Jalandhar, 2 JAT at Bari Brahmana and 17 JAT at Inayatpur Transit Camp in the first week of Jul 82.

At Jhallas, the Bn was deployed under 10 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div as the Div reserve. C and D Coys were deployed in FDLs. While at Jhallas, the Bn underwent several operational moves, exercises and counterattack rehearsals. Heroes of the Battle of Fazilka who fought in Dec 1971 were honoured when a memorial was dedicated to them by Shri Giani Zail Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab.

Maj KKKS Rathore joined the Unit on 18 Jun 83 to take over command on 28 Jun 83 from Lt Col SK Singh. The Unit conducted a demo on mine laying for Maj Gen V Budhwar, VSM, GOC 25 Inf Div. Six enemy soldiers were killed in the Bn's retaliatory cross-LC fire from Feb to May 85.

A sub-sector level Flag Meeting was organised with Pak Army on 07 Aug 85. Bn was finally relieved by 1/3 GR on 15 Oct 85. Maj Gen RN Chibber, the COJR, addressed the Bn at Bari Brahmana and 12 JAT organised a barakhana for the Bn.

4 JAT arrived in Dehradun on 09 Nov 85. The first half of 1986 was devoted to collective training exercises of the Bde and later a Div level exercise to practice 'Attack on Nodal Point'. The Bn excelled in sports & professional competitions, winning Night firing & RCL, Boxing, Cross Country, Aquatics, Volleyball, Wrestling and Kabaddi. Maj Gen RN Chibber, GOC 9 Inf Div, COJR, visited the Bn. On 03 Dec 86, the Bn mobilised to participate in EX BRASS TACKS-IV. It organised a demonstration on Assault with Armour on 09 Jan 87, attended by Lt Gen Hanut Singh Rathore, GOC 2 Corps.

Lt Col Vijay Singh, VSM, took over the Bn on 17 Aug 87. The Unit paid homage to the heroes of the Battle of Fazilka in 1971, wherein 82 war widows were honoured. The Bn organised a mine laying demonstration for the entire formation on 06 Jan 88. Muar Day and the 26th Raising Day Celebrations were attended by Maj Gen R K Suri, VrC, GOC 16 Inf Div and ex-CO of the Bn. Bn excelled in all sports competitions, including Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, Boxing, Volleyball & Kabaddi, and MMG & Small Arms competitions.

Orders were received to mobilise for Op Pawan in Sri Lanka on 15 Jul 88. Maj Gen RK Suri, VrC, GOC 16 Inf Div, ex-CO, addressed the Bn while mobilising for Op Pawan. The details of Op Pawan are included in Chapter 4.

On termination of Op Pawan, the Bn left Madras on 20 Jan 90 on de-induction from Sri Lanka and arrived at Mhow on 28 Jan 90. Feb was utilised for the recce of Dewas, Shajapur, Ratlam & Mandsaur districts for IS duties. Lt Gen FN Bilimoria, PVSM, GOC-in-C Central Command, visited on 13 Mar 90. Lt Col Vijay Singh, VSM, handed over command to Lt Col BS Nagal on 12 Jul 90. Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, VSM, Military Secretary & COJR, visited on 26 - 27 Jul 90.

5 JAT

The Bn moved from Bikaner to a field area in Jaisalmer on 07 Aug 1981, with Lt Col DPS Randhawa taking over the command on 08 Sep 1980. Bn participated in various Div & Bde level exercises from 06 Jan to 05 Dec 81. Lt Gen LD Khurana, PVSM, VSM, PHS, DMS, visited on 26 Aug 82 and Lt Gen KS Rawat, PVSM, AVSM, VCOAS, on 01 Mar 1984. The Bn was adjudged the Best Bn consecutively for two years in Skill-at-Arms and Night Navigation competitions. In sports, teams performed well in Cross-country, Volleyball & Athletics during the tenure.

Col P Radha Krishnan took over the command of the Bn on 26 Nov 1982. The Bn took part in exercises at Command & Div level during the remaining tenure at Jaisalmer.

From Jaisalmer, the Bn moved to Babina under 89(I) Inf Bde/9 Inf Div & took part in EX BRASS TACKS and Op Trident. In Op Trident, the Bn was tasked to defend Gurdaspur as part of 89 (I) Inf Bde/9 Inf Div. Bn reverted to its permanent location of Babina on 30 Apr 1987. On 01 Jul 85, Col Kanwarjit Singh assumed the command of the Bn. The Bn participated in formation exercises from 16 Apr to 10 Dec 85.

The Bn reached Tangdhar on 19 Jul 1987 under 104 Inf Bde/19 Inf Div on the LC. Col AS Jaswal took over the command on 01 Jan 1988. While manning the posts on LC, the Bn was deployed in Op Rakshak-I and recovered 18 weapons and a large cache of ammunition from JKLF terrorists in one of the encounters at Eagle Post on 24 Jun 1990. Nk Jai Bhagwan was awarded GOC-in-C Commendation for his action at the Eagle Post.

The Unit apprehended four JKLF terrorists from Nov 1989 to Jun 1990. Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, and COAS, visited Shararat (Tactical HQ) on 19 May 89. Lt Gen MA Zaki, AVSM, VrC, GOC 15 Corps, visited Shararat Post on 17 Nov 1989, followed by GOC-in-C Northern Command Lt Gen Gurvinder Singh, AVSM, on 11 May 1990.

6 JAT

In May 1981, from Udhampur, the Bn moved to Suratgarh under the aegis of 50 Inf Bde/24 Inf Div under command Lt Col Mela Singh, who had taken over in Feb 1981. The Bn deployed in desert terrain was actively involved in implementing and testing the 'Nodal point Concept Of Defence' on the ground as part of the Command level exercise organised along the Ganganagar - Bikaner axis. At Suratgarh, the Bn maintained its high standards of training and games, winning Inter Bn Kabaddi, Wrestling and Cross-country Competitions and the Div Endurance cum Shooting Competitions. The Bn hosted Lt Gen SK Sinha, AVSM, GOC-in-C, Western Command. During the visit of Defence Minister Shri R Venkataraman at Suratgarh Cantt, the Bn organised a demonstration on a counterattack with armour and a barakhana for the station. Lt Col CS Toor took over on 18 Mar 1983.

From Suratgarh, the Bn was moved to peace station Faizabad in Apr 1984 under 7 Inf Bde/4 Inf Div in an offensive role across DCB and canal. However, in May 1984, the Bn was ordered to move to Chandigarh for Op Blue Star. After operating in Chandigarh for one week, the Bn moved to Ropar on 02 Jun 1984 to aid civil authorities in securing Ropar, including the highway from Kharar to Anandpur Sahib. During Op Blue Star, Maj BS Grewal (C Coy) raided Chamkaur Sahib Gurdwara, arrested seven wanted personnel, and handed them over to the police. Col BS Bhati, SM, took over the command on 26 Apr 85. The Bn continued to excel in sports and training competitions by winning the overall Championship at the Div level. It hosted Lt Gen YS Tomar, PVSM, GOC, 1 Corps, Lt Gen RK Jasbir, Col of the JAT Regiment and Brig HB Kala, SC.

In May 1987, the Bn moved to the modified field at Gurdaspur under 96 Bde/15 Inf Div. Here the JATs clinched Wrestling, Kabaddi, Handball and Cross-country trophies, besides winning the Inter Bn Combat Obstacle Course and Endurance Competition. The Unit launched flood relief columns for Kalanaur. The Bn also hosted Lt Gen B Joginder Singh, MVC, VSM and Maj Gen BKN Chibber, AVSM, VSM, GOC 15 Inf Div. During Mar/Apr 1988, the Bn was deployed under Op Avert-II in Ajnala/Barnala Sectors in a counter-infiltration role. On 18 May 1988, a party under Sub Ram Singh killed two terrorists infiltrating the International Border. No 3161815Y Hav Chanderpall Singh of 'D' Coy, under the command of Capt Nagendra Singh, was awarded the SM for the op.

In 1989, the Bn moved Gulpur, Poonch, on the LC under 93 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div. The Bn's performance was appreciated by the GOC through a DO letter along with a cash award of Rs 7000/-. The enemy's unprovoked ceasefire violations were punished by destroying their bunkers. The Bn excelled in Volleyball, Boxing, Kabaddi, Cross-country, Basketball and Wrestling competitions at the Div level, besides the Small Arms and MMG firing competitions. Later, Col HS Nahal took over the command of 6 JAT from Col BS Bhati, SM, on 30 May 1989

The Bn moved from Gulpur to Udaipur under 30 Inf Bde/11 Inf Div in Nov 1990 to celebrate the much-awaited Golden Jubilee of the Bn. Organised along the scenic landscapes of Udaipur, The Golden Jubilee of the Bn was celebrated with great pomp and show on 01 Feb 1991. The occasion was graced by various dignitaries and veterans of the Gallant Sixth.

7 JAT

Lt Col KP Pandya took over the reins of the Paltan from Lt Col KS Sahi on 28 Feb 1983 at Jalandhar. The Bn was inducted for its tenure in CI ops in Mar 1983 in Tirap Sect of Arunachal Pradesh under 192 Mtn Bde/2 Mtn Div. Reins of the Bn were handed over to Lt Col SSS Raman on 27 Sep 85 for the remainder of the tenure. Despite being committed in the thick of ops as part of Op Orchid, the Bn won all the 2 Mtn Div Sports competitions. Hav (later Sub Maj & Hony Capt (Retd)) Sis Ram, SM, distinguished himself & brought laurels to the Bn by winning the National Skiing title in 1986 and representing the country at the first Winter Asian Games at Sapporo, Japan.

The Bn moved to Chandimandir under 83 Inf Bde/16 Inf Div on the DCB in the Fazilka sector. Lt Col SG Ghanekar took over on 05 Dec 1986. The Bn excelled in professional and sports competitions throughout their tenure. Hav (later Sub & Hony Capt (Retd)) Ram Kishan won the national title in 68 Kg Free Style Wrestling.

1988 saw the Smashing Seventh charge their way through most professional competitions. Jan 1989 saw the Bn winning the MMG and Officers' Firing Competitions. The unit sports teams won the 16 Inf Div Weightlifting, Aquatics and Water Polo trophies. The Unit was responsible for training the Div Aquatics team, which outclassed the rest in the Command Aquatics Championship.

The year also saw a flurry of visits at the unit location, starting with Maj Gen RK Suri, VrC, GOC 16 Inf Div, Lt Gen VK Nayar, PVSM, ADC, GOC-in-C Western Command, and Brig LN Sabherwal, AVSM (Retd). The Bn also presented a Guard of Honour to Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, COAS, at HQ Western Command.

The Bn moved to Nelya, Arunachal Pradesh, in Sep 1988 under 77 Mtn Bde/5 Mtn Div, taking over the op responsibility from 8 MADRAS. 3 JAT in the same formation organised a barakhana on the Unit's arrival at Gaccham. Meanwhile, Nk Anand Singh made us proud in the sports arena by standing sixth in the National Aquatics Championship held at Calcutta.

8 JAT

During the Lucknow tenure from Aug 77 to Aug 80, the Bn was visited thrice by Maj Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR. Capt MW Franklin, ex-8 JAT officer from the UK, visited in Mar 79. After Lucknow, the Bn moved to Sevoke Road under 112 Mtn Bde/27 Mtn Div. The Bn carried out several training exercises and constructed field defences in inclement weather and the inhospitable terrain of Nathu La. Bn was deployed for IS duties as part of 44 Inf Bde in Naogaon & Sibsagar in early 1983.

In the tenure spanning from Sep 80 to Oct 83, the Bn swept almost every professional and sports competition. Bn stood first in SA Competition, Pioneer platoon, Night navigation, Mortar & MMG platoon, Mortar platoon (Div level) and Inter Bn Band Platoon competitions. The Bn won the football championship at JRC. The Bn participated in exercises in Apr 1982. The Bn was visited by GOC 33 Corps in Oct 1982 and COJR in Mar 1983. For this tenure, Bn was under the command of Lt Col SS Sahota from Feb 80 to Oct 82 and was later taken over by Lt Col KDP Singh from Oct 82 to Feb 85.

After Sevoke Road, the Bn moved to Udaipur as part of 30 Inf Bde. This tenure lasted from Nov 83 to Sep 86, earning two COAS Commendations. The Paltan celebrated its Silver Jubilee during this tenure.

9 JAT

The Bn left Birpur for its new location on 16 Sep 1980 and reached Udaipur on 25 Sep 1980 under the command of Lt Col KJ Singh. The Bn participated in numerous training activities like Firing, Lecture-Demonstrations, TEWTs and Op discussions with collective training and desert familiarisation in Dec 1980. In 1982, the Bn won the 11 Inf Div Volleyball Trophy. In 1983, the Bn excelled in Skill at Arms, Bugler, Athletics, Volleyball & Boxing at the Bde level. During the tenure, the Bn was also visited by Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, Col of The JAT Regiment. In Apr 1983, Lt Col KJ Singh handed over the baton to Lt Col SP Satsangi.

From Udaipur, the Bn reached Uri under 16 Inf Bde/19 Inf Div and took over the Op responsibility from 18 JAT on 23 Oct 1983. The Bn deployed on the LC opposite the famous Hajipir pass. The Bn trained in Attack By Infiltration, Spoiling Attack, Defence in Mountains, Trans LC Patrols & Conduct of Arty Shoot. The Bn stood first in 161 Inf Bde Boxing & Athletic Competitions and lifted the 19 Inf Div Mortar Platoon Trophy.

The Bn was visited by Maj Gen PL Kher, AVSM, VrC, SM, GOC 19 Inf Div and Lt Gen MC Chibber, AVSM, VSM GOC-in-C Northern Command. The Bn was also visited by Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR. The Unit was also visited by GOC 15 Corps and the honourable Raksha Mantri.

As soon as the Bn moved out of Uri, it got involved in EX BRASS TACKS from 29 Oct 1986. It all started with GOC 6 Mtn Div meeting with Col SP Satsangi, the CO, at Jammu Railway station on 03 Nov 1986, while the Bn was on its way to peace location Chaubatia, Uttarakhand. After that, the CO and his Orders Group proceeded on a recce for the Op task from Railway Station. The Bn reached Chaubatia after the termination of EX BRASS TACKS on 18 Mar 1987. Soon after arriving, Col Sukhbir Singh took over on 17 Jun 1987. At Chaubatia, the Unit carried out rescue ops during a major fire incident in Ranikhet Club, for which the GOC-in-C Central Command awarded commendations to Sub PS Dahiya, Nk Rajender Singh and Sep Harjeet Singh.

11 JAT

11 JAT moved to Ferozepur in Jun 1981 under Lt Col AK Bhaskar. At Ferozepur, they won many trophies in the Div. Lt ST Upasani was adjudged the Best Student in the YO and RSO Courses. He led the Minelaying team, adjudged the best in the Div. Lt Col HC Sharma, VrC, from 4 JAT, took over command in Apr 1983. The Bn conducted a presentation on Indo Pak War 1971 for all officers of the Div and organised and won the first-ever Div Athletics Championship at Leh.

Lt Col HC Sharma, VrC, led the Bn into the Glacier in Nov 1985. At that time, the equipment required to serve on the Glacier was limited. The Bn was deployed at heights from 16,500 to 20,000 ft with temperatures dropping to 35°C below zero. Often, the troops kept awake throughout the night, holding up poles of arctic tents to prevent these from blowing away. Incidentally, 11 JAT was the first Bn of the JAT Regiment to be deployed on the Siachen Glacier.



A VIEW OF THE SIACHEN GLACIER



CROSSING A CREVASSE



A SNOW SCOOTER IN 1985



AN AVALANCHE

Unfortunately, the Bn lost thirteen gallant men, including Nb Sub Nafe Singh, in an avalanche. Nb Sub Nafe Singh, who led the rescue party, was trapped in another avalanche and could not be saved. The brave JCO was awarded the SM. The Bn foiled all attempts to capture

dominating heights with many losses to the enemy. The Bn established a new post at a 6000 mtr altitude to dominate the AGPL effectively.

The Bn served in the Central Glacier for eight months up to Jun 1986. The officers who served on the Glacier were Maj PK Halder, Maj RS Saharan, KC, Maj BS Malik, SM, Maj SB Pansare, Maj VS Jamwal, Maj Omvir Singh, Maj AS Rekhi, Maj RK Sharma, Maj Balvinder Singh, Capt TRR Rao, Capt Mukesh Kumar, Capt ST Upasani, Capt Anuj Kainthla, Lt Amit Singh, 2/Lt VK Dutta, 2/Lt Umed Mitharwal, 2/Lt BS Raju, 2/Lt HRS Rana and 2/Lt Jojan Thomas. During its Glacier tenure, the Bn lost one JCO and 24 OR to inhospitable terrain and weather.

In Sep 1986, the Bn moved to Dehradun. Within two months, the Bn moved with the Div to participate in EX BRASS TACKS. In May 1987, the Bn moved to Meerut for IS duties. One coy under Maj Balwinder moved to Mhow as the Demo Company. In Dec 1987, Lt Col PK Halder took over command of the Unit. He was the first officer commissioned in 11 JAT to command the Bn. At Dehradun, the Bn excelled in sports and training. The Command Team for the Army Handball Competition comprised solely of 11 JAT.



SILVER JUBILEE FIRST DAY COVER

The Bn celebrated its Silver Jubilee in Apr 1989. Celebrations included a scintillating display of mass PT and a son et lumière on Bn's history. It was attended by Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, COJR, Brig LN Sabherwal, Col Ranbir Chauhan, and Col BD Dangwal, amongst others. After that, the Bn moved to Lam (J&K) on 12 Jul 1989.

12 JAT

On 23 Jul 1980, the Unit, under the stewardship of Lt Col Pokhar Singh, proceeded to Bakloh near Dalhousie in Himachal Pradesh under 323 Mtn Bde. The Bn was well prepared for its operational role in mountainous terrain and earned accolades on professional and sports fields. Lt Col Pokhar Singh handed over the baton to Lt Col UN Kohal in Nov 1981. The Bn was presented the President's colours on 16 Feb 1983 by the then COAS, Gen KV Krishna Rao, PVSM, at JAT Regimental Center Bareilly. The colours were received by Capt Sukhdev, son of the first CO of the Bn, Lt Col Nand Lal. The Postal & Telegraph department issued a new stamp and first-day covers.



GEN KV KRISHNA RAO PRESENTING THE COLOURS TO CAPT SUKHDEV KUMAR

On 30 Aug 1983, the Bn was inducted into Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, under 190 Mtn Bde/5 Mtn Div. On 02 May 1984, Col SS Bagchi took over command of the Unit from Col UN Kohal. The Bn was responsible for guarding an infiltration route the Chinese had taken during the 1962 aggression. The Bn was stationed under 190 Mtn Bde/5 Mtn Div. During this tenure, the Bn constructed the road from Y Junction to Klemta on the Tawang-Bumla axis. Cdr 190 Bde named it Ekta Marg, dedicated to the mixed class composition of the Unit. This road enabled speedy troop induction to forward areas and reduced labour for administrative and operational loads.

The Bn reached Jalandhar on 30 Nov 85 for its peace tenure under 350 Inf Bde/9 Inf Div. Lt Col Resham Singh took over command. During this period, the Bn was deployed in Op Trident. Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, COJR, visited in Feb 86. The Bn honed its skills at watermanship & mine laying as part of its operational task.

In Aug 1988, the Bn was ordered to report to HQ 41 Inf Bde under HQ OFC IPKF (Overall Force Cdr Indian Peace Keeping Force) in Sri Lanka for peacekeeping ops, between LTTE and Sri Lankan Army, in the strife-torn country. Having commenced the move on 10 Aug 88, the Bn reached Chennai (Madras) on 17 Aug 88. The Bn's Op Pawan tenure is covered in the next Chapter.

14 JAT

The marching contingent, commanded by the CO of 14 JAT, participated in Republic Day celebrations in Srinagar in 1982. Lt Col TS Randhawa handed over the Bn to Lt Col KN Rai, SM, in Jan 1982. The Bn was deployed for the internal security of Srinagar Town. The Bn won the Basketball and Boxing competitions. 14 JAT moved to Khasa, near Amritsar, in Jan 1983.

In May 1984, they deployed for Op Woodrose. They were also assigned to check the Lahore – Amritsar train at Attari.

During their tenure, 14 JAT also operated against terrorists in Punjab, where several terrorists were apprehended. The Bn deployed for Op Trident on the DCB. In Jan 1987, Lt Col Ishwar Singh handed over to Lt Col AS Ahluwalia, who took the Bn to Sri Lanka (described in the next Chapter).

15 JAT

The Bn moved from Mamit, Mizoram, to Lucknow under 60 Inf Bde/22 Inf Div on 02 Apr 1980. Within the year, the Bn won the overall Bde Championship by securing top positions in Basketball, Volleyball, Boxing, Kabaddi, Wrestling and Athletics. An immaculate and impressive contingent of the Bn under Capt Surjit Singh presented a Guard of Honour to Gen OP Malhotra, COAS, on 29 Apr 81.

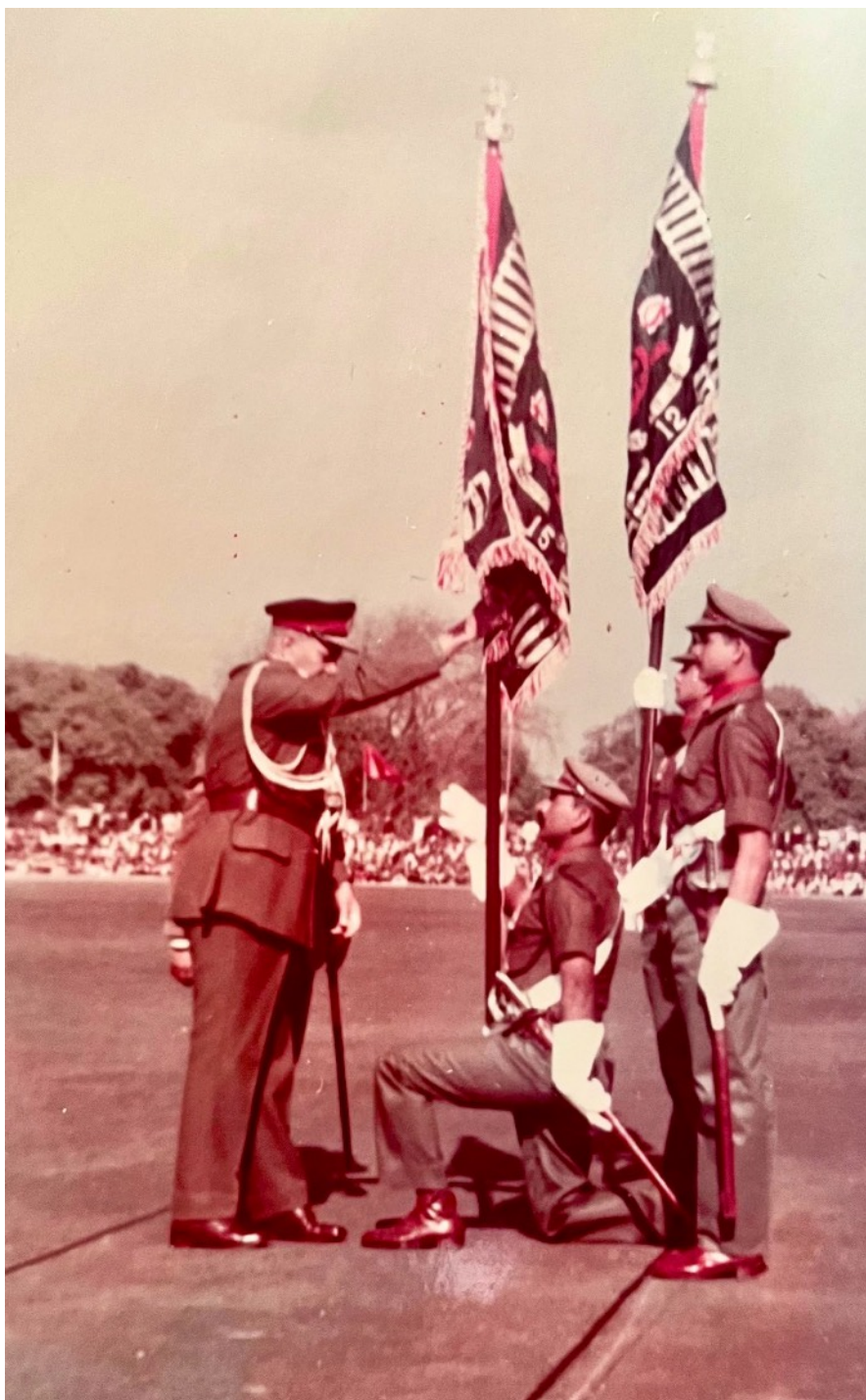
Lt Col SL Chadha took over command from Lt Col HK Jha at Lucknow on 31 May 1981.

Gen KV Krishna Rao, PVSM, COAS, presented colours to the Bn at JRC, Bareilly, on 16 Feb 1983. Maj Vijay Singh, VSM, commanded the parade, and Capt Ramendra Sharan received colours. On 02 Apr 1983, the Bn presented a Guard of Honour to the President of India, Shri Gyani Zail Singh, during his visit to the Bn at Lucknow. During the second half of 1983, the caste composition of Bn was changed from PURE JAT to FIXED CASTE AJGAR, i.e. AHIR, JAT, GURJAR AND RAJPUT, but to be incrementally affected with recruit intake from now on of 25 per cent each of the castes.

Col NK Choudhary took over command of the Bn from Lt Col SL Chaddha at Lucknow on 19 Jun 1983. The Bn moved under 80 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div on 17 Nov 1983. Coys were deployed at Roti & Kanchi (A), Plassey (B), Lucknow (C), Ashok & Rooptekri (D), with the Bn HQ at Lam. Shri Arun Nehru, the Rajya Raksha Mantri, visited the Bn at Naini post.

Lt Col PK Bhatia took over the command of Bn on 18 Jun 1984. On 27 Dec 84, Lt Col PK Bhatia expired due to cardiac arrest. Maj PS Rautela officiated, and the Bn continued to perform its assigned tasks proficiently. Lt Col Satish Kumar took over on 25 Mar 1985 from Maj PS Rautela, who remained in the Unit as the 2IC. Bn Stood first in Wrestling, Kabaddi and Handball. On 12 Jan 1986, at Naushera Sect (J&K), Nk Virender Pal Singh succumbed to sniper fire through the loophole of the bunker while doggedly returning fire with MMG. The brave soldier was awarded the SM posthumously on 26 Jan 1987. At Lam, the Bn earned one SM, two COAS and one GOC-in-C Commendation in actions on the LC. Impressed with the Bn's performance during an exercise in Than Pir, the GOC nominated the Bn to host Shri Arun Kumar Singh, the Rajya Raksha Mantri, in the exercise area.

The Bn moved to Samba under 168 Inf Bde/29 Inf Div on 26 Aug 1986. The Unit won the Aquatics and Water Polo, Minelaying, MMG, and RCL competitions. The Unit also participated in EX BRASS TACKS.



GEN KV KRISHNA RAO PRESENTING COLOURS TO CAPT RAMENDRA SHARAN

On 10 Jun 1988, Lt Col PS Rautela took over command and moved the Bn to Krishna Ghati, J&K, under 10 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div on 28 Oct 1988. Maj BS Gangwar (D Coy) constructed a wall at FDL 478A Sagar to provide cover from enemy fire. The construction under enemy fire earned the Bn four GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn's Mortar Platoon won the Div Mortar firing competition. Bn also won the Div Wrestling competition in which Sep Ramnarayan was

adjudged the best wrestler of the Div. Hav Ranvir was awarded the best athlete of 25 Div in May 90.

A helicopter carrying Maj Gen Sudershan Singh, GOC 25 Inf Div, crashed in Chorgali on the Pir Panjal range. In the search launched by 27 Coys of the Div, a platoon of the Bn under Lt P Ghosh Dastidhar finally found the wreckage of the crashed chopper after 14 days of continuous search.

16 JAT

As mentioned earlier, the Bn was deployed on the Uttarakhand -Tibet Border to secure two axes of ingress in the Kumaon Hills. Lt Col SP Bhattacharjee took over the Bn in Jan 1980. He organised training to develop mountaineering skills. In 1981, when the Scouts Bn split into Garhwal and Kumaon Scouts, the Bn patrolled the third axis to the Lipulekh Pass and further to Mansarovar. The Bn rescued, treated and evacuated over 45 passengers of an ill-fated bus that had fallen into a deep gorge near the unit location. The State Government applauded the action, and the CO was awarded VSM.

Lt Col MP Singh, SC, took over 16 JAT in Apr 1982 and took the Bn to Samba in Jun 1982. The Bn won the 16 Corps Mine Laying Trophy. Lt Col IS Hundal took over the Bn in Aug 1984. The Bn was deployed in Op Woodrose, with one coy deployed on the IB. Maj KK Khanna was adjudged the Best Student on the SC Course.

From Samba, the Bn came to Mamun. The Bn lived under canvas, as there was no accommodation. In Jun 1988, the Bn moved to Ferozepur under Lt Col IS Hundal. In Jun 1988, Col KK Khanna took over at Ferozepur in Jun 1988. A record number of seven subedars of the Bn were approved to be Sub Maj in 1989-90. When Lt Gen BT Pandit, the Corps Cdr, wanted to sail with a non-Engineer officer, 2/Lt Sanjeev Dogra had the privilege of sailing with the Corps Cdr. All of the cross-country team members were nominated for the Div team. Thus representing the Div, the Bn team won the Western Command Championship. To improve marksmanship, jawans stayed on the range until they reached the minimum standard. At Ferozepur, the Bn conducted a lecture demonstration on Anti-Heliborne Operations, including employing a platoon of Infantry Combat vehicles (BMP 2). On 01 Oct 1989, the Bn celebrated its Silver Jubilee with pomp. Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, COJR, Lt Gen B Joginder Singh and Brig HB Kala graced the occasion. The CO commanded the Silver Jubilee Parade. In May 1990, Col KK Khanna handed over the Bn to Lt Col SP Arvind, who took the Bn to Khalsi, J&K, under 53 Inf Bde/28 Inf Div in Aug.

17 JAT

The Bn left Pithoragarh for Lam (J&K) on 30 May 80. En route to Jammu, the Bn was greeted by Col DS Shekhawat, AVSM, Commandant and other officers & men of the Centre at Bareilly. On 15 Jul 80, the Bn reached its new location at Lam (J&K) under 80 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div. A Guard of Honour was presented to Maj Gen Joginder Singh Bakshi, MVC, VSM, GOC 25 Inf Div, who was the chief guest during the 15th Raising day celebrations. The GOC also inaugurated the Usman Memorial during this period.

On 26 Jul 81, Lt Col M P Singh handed over to Lt Col Dinesh Narayan, SM. On 30 Jul 81, Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR, visited the Bn. The Bn won Basketball, Cross-country, MMG firing and Minelaying at the Div level. On 17 Nov 83, the main body of 15 JAT arrived at Lam and took over Op responsibility.

The unit moved to reach Binnaguri under 66 Mtn Bde/20 Mtn Div in Dec 1983. The Bn won the overall trophy for the various events organised by the Div during the Bogra Day

celebrations on 16 Dec. On 04 Jan 84, Lt Col Dinesh Narayan, SM, handed over to Lt Col Avatar Singh. During this period, Bn was visited by Lt Gen J K Puri, GOC 33 Corps, Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, PVSM (Retd), COJR and Lt Gen Depinder Singh, VSM, GOC 33 Corps.

The Bn won laurels at the Div level in Boxing, Khad Race, Officers Shooting Competition, Small Arms Shooting competition, MMG and Cross-country. Unit's performance was lauded by Maj Gen PP Sabharwal, GOC 20 Mtn Div, in an address to the entire division. The Unit also participated in various exercises in the Labha area in Sikkim. On 14 Jun 86, Lt Col Ranbir Singh took over the Bn.

On 30 Sep 86, the Bn moved to its new location at Pallanwala under 52 Inf Bde/10 Inf Div. The Bn was visited by various senior officers, including Maj Gen RN Chibber, COJR, Lt Gen AK Handoo, PVSM, GOC-in-C, Northern Command and Maj Gen RD Mishra, GOC 10 Inf Div. The Bn continued its dominance in Cross-country, Basketball and Volleyball at the Div level. It was judged best in Minelaying in the Div for three consecutive years. On 06 Jan 87, Lt Col Ranbir Singh, the CO, expired at MH Jammu due to a severe illness. On 05 Feb 1987, Lt Col OP Gupta assumed command. The Bn was visited by ex-CO Brig Shakti Singh, Commandant, JAT RC and the COAS, Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, ADC.

From May to Dec 1989, the Bn handed over to 14 GUARDS at Pallanwala and moved to Bhimbergali to relieve 15 KUMAON, taking charge of the forward-defended localities on the LC. Returning to Pallanwala, the Bn continued to leave a mark by winning various competitions like Handball, Boxing, Basketball, Kabaddi and Wrestling at the Div level. On 27 Oct 89, the Bn was taken over by Col I S Janghu.

18 JAT

With the advent of the 80s, 18 JAT once again moved to Binnaguri, from Mizoram, as part of 66 Mtn Bde. They won the Regimental ARA Gold Cup and the maiden 'Gen Chaudhuri' Trophy. Lt Col SSS Raman handed over command to Lt Col KP Bhaskar on 14 Sep 1983. The Bn was later deployed in the Uri sector as part of 161 Inf Bde from Sep 1980 to Oct 1983. The harsh weather in Uri did not deter the training and operational responsibilities that continued with LRPs and ambushes unabated. The Unit was tested in anti-heliborne and deliberate counter-attack operations of war. The COAS, Gen KV Krishna Rao, visited Rustam and appreciated its defence preparedness.

The Bn performed IS duties in a volatile Jammu after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in Nov 1984. Lt Col Dinesh Narayan, SM, took over on 20 Jul 1986. In Aug 1986, the Bn moved to Kibithu, located on the tri-junction with China to the north and Myanmar to the east. It was the first Bn HQ of the Indian Army to cross the Lohit river and build defences in Kibithu. This location gave the troops a wide array of exposure to new challenges of heavy rainfall, forest fires, frequent Air Force fighter jet sorties and recurrent visits of both Army and Air Force senior officers. The Bn had the opportunity to host the Defence Minister and the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh. The Bn remained operationally active, with many patrols throughout the tenure. Lt Col BS Malik, SM, took over on 05 Nov 1988. Besides excelling in sports, the Bn constructed and fortified defences.

19 JAT

19 JAT was raised on 01 Aug 1980 at JAT Regimental Centre, Bareilly, by Lt Col AS Reddy. The first Sub Maj was Sub Maj Partap Singh, who rose from the Band/Medical platoon of 8 JAT.



CAPT TS RAGHAV RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTS COLOURS FROM GEN KV KRISHNA RAO, COAS, ON 16 FEB 1983 AT BAREILLY.

Lt Col HK Jagota moved the Bn to Mirthal, Bakloh and further to Tibri in Feb 1984. In 1985, under Col KS Sahi, the Bn moved to Udampur, Jammu. The Bn lifted the Tithwal Bde Banner for the overall championship for 1987-88. The Bn also participated in the Army Day Parade of Northern Command and won the Command Trophy.

Col KS Sahi handed over the baton to Col VS Jamwal, who took the Bn to Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, as part of Op Falcon in Jun 1989. The Bn carried out extensive training and preparation for seven weeks in Changsari. Maj Gajendra Singh was killed in a vehicle accident on 16 Jun 89 during the move to the new location. Due to a medical problem, Col VS Jamwal

was replaced by Lt Col AB Patwardhan on 20 Oct 1989. Col Jamwal later commanded 11 JAT. The Bn effectively dominated the LAC in the Sumdorong Chu area. Maj Gen Deepak Sapra, who had been a coy commander in the Bn at that time, recalls an unusual incident:

“A JCO of 19 JAT, who was not too clear about the rules of engagement, slapped a Chinese soldier, forcing him to withdraw. Disciplinary action was initiated against him since this was against orders. Luckily for him, someone in Parliament spoke about his bold action. The Bn and the JCO received kudos!”

20 JAT

20 JAT was raised at the JRC by Col NS Gill. It was composed of Garhwalis, Dogras, Marathas and Jats. The first flag hoisting ceremony was held on 27 Feb 1985 in the presence of Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, COJR. Other serving and retired officers who had come to Bareilly to attend the Reunion were also present. The Bn received two officers each from Garhwal, Dogra and Maratha Light Infantry regiments. Integration of personnel was given the highest priority.



FIRST FLAG HOISTING BY COL NS GILL

The Bn moved to Binnaguri and trained with the Royal Bhutan Army in Bhutan. Col Pratap Singh, from 14 JAT, took over from Col NS Gill in Aug 1987. The unit served in Tripura from Jan to Aug 1988. During this tenure, orders for IS duties were received on 30 Mar 1988. Bn less two coys were air-lifted from Agartala, reaching Aizawl on 31 Mar 1988 at 1700 hours and deployed for CI ops in Mizoram. The balance two coys were deployed in Tripura at Gandachara and Ambassa.

The Bn served on the Central Sect of Siachen Glacier on complexes of Kaman-Darshak, Chandan and Jwala from Sep 1989 to 16 Mar 1990 under Col Pratap Singh. Besides dominating the enemy at altitudes varying from 16000 to 19000 ft, the Bn assisted in opening the route to Zingrulma. The Bn suffered only one fatal casualty during the tenure. This remarkable achievement was due to proper training, arduous preparations and good battle drills in the Bn. After four months of de-induction from the base camp, the Bn's main body began moving from Leh to Amritsar on 07 Aug 1990. The same day Col Pratap Singh was posted to Special Frontier Force after handing over to Col DR Chowdhury.



ON THE CENTRAL GLACIER

21 JAT

21 JAT was raised on 01 Nov 1987 at JAT Regiment Centre, Bareilly, by Col AK Mehra. The first Bn Sub Maj was Sub Maj Ram Mehar from 2 JAT. The unit flag was first hoisted in the presence of Maj Gen RN Chibber, the COJR. On 17 Jan 1988, Shri KC Pant, Defence Minister, visited and presided over a Sainik Sammelan.

On 29 Apr 1988, the unit moved to Bhuj as its first peace posting under 75(I) Inf Bde. The unit, though still young, won the 12 Corps Small Arms Shooting Championship, RCL Competition and Best MT platoon.

In Jul 1988, as part of IS duties, it was tasked to disarm the Gujarat Police, which had mutinied. On 24 Jul 1988, the entire Bn was deployed in coy columns in Bharuch, Valsad and Surat and carried out flag marches to bring the situation under control. They disarmed the police guards without firing a shot securing all police armouries by midnight 26/27 Jul.

On 04 Jul 1989, Col AK Mehra handed the baton to Col BS Choudhary, VSM. On 21 Aug 1990, the Bn moved to its first field location of Chushul, Ladakh. The Bn relieved 20 JAT and acclimatised before deployment at Tangtse and Chushul. The Bn created Bashas/Bunkers in Tangtse and carried out weatherproofing of accommodation. Despite the inclement weather, routine activities PT and games continued. This period prepared the unit for the forthcoming Siachen deployment.

In Nov 1990, a Company led by Capt Arun Nair evicted a Chinese patrol that intruded at Rezang La/Spanggur Gap. The Bn brought the situation under control within the week, with the first-ever Flag meeting at Spanggur Gap held on 30 Nov 1990, which has since become established practice.

Chapter 4

OP PAWAN

Background

In Jul 1983, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) began their strife to create an independent Tamil state called the Tamil Eelam in the Northern and Eastern parts of Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan Tamils enjoyed the sympathy of the Tamils in India; hence impact on the Indian political establishment was inevitable.

In 1987, Shri Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister of India, and Gen K Sundarji was the COAS. Several Nations were keen to assist Sri Lanka in suppressing the Tamil movement. To prevent the deployment of foreign armed forces close to our Nation, the Indian Government decided to step in. At the invitation of the Sri Lankan Government, the Indian Armed Forces were moved into Sri Lanka in 1987 to keep the peace. This operation was called Op Pawan. At the time of induction for peacekeeping, they were utterly unprepared for what was to follow. Unfortunately, they lacked intelligence, maps, language, or dialect knowledge. They were surprised when instead of keeping the peace, they found themselves fighting the very Tamil Tigers they had gone to protect. See Sketch 1.

The first Bn of the Jat Regiment to serve in Op Pawan was 114 Inf Bn (TA). The next Bn was 14 JAT, inducted at the end of 1987. 4 JAT and 12 JAT were inducted in 1988. Most Bns needed more time to train for Op Pawan.

114 Inf Bn (TA)

114 Inf Bn TA (JAT), under Col SS Tanwar, served in Sri Lanka from Nov 1987 to Dec 1988. On 22 Nov, the Bn sailed to Jaffna and was initially placed directly under HQ 54 Inf Div and tasked to provide security to the harbour and protect helicopters and aircraft from the ground fire at Palaly Airfield. It was the first time the Indian Army deployed a bn of the TA in CI ops. It was also the first time a TA bn was deployed overseas.

When the Bn reached Jaffna, the Oct operations of IPKF had just concluded, and the civil administration was in total disarray. The Bn secured Kankesanthurai Port and Palaly Airfield and the road between the two places. Accordingly, the six coys deployed at Kankesanthurai, Palaly and other vital points on the route. The unit had two regular officers besides the CO, and both were given commands of coys located at these places. Later, one of the officers was assigned to coordinate the ground defence of Palaly Airfield in conjunction with 8 Engr Regiment. The airfield protection required close coordination as it was defended by assorted types of forces viz, 54 Inf Div, Div troops, Sri Lankan Army troops and Sri Lankan AF ground defence troops.

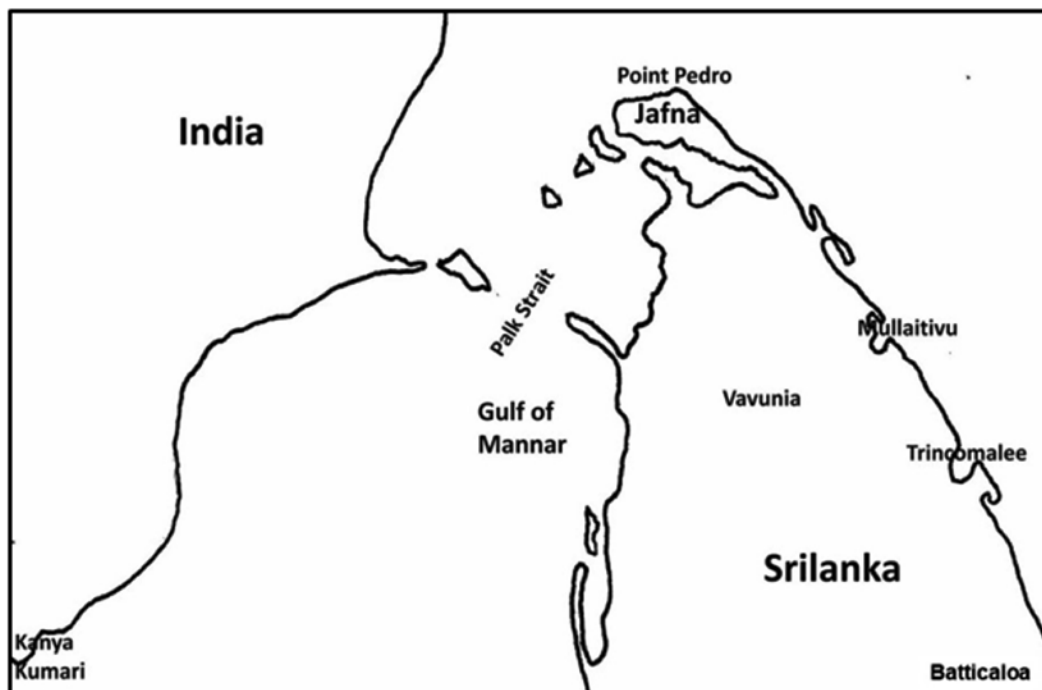
As the Bn became better acquainted with the terrain and threat, it was placed under 91 Inf Bde to conduct joint cordon and search ops with 5 MADRAS. In Oct 1988, C Coy (Maj S Murlidharan) established a Company Operating Base at Thyiddi that had become a hub for militant activities. GOC 54 Inf Div soon visited the new location. This deployment had a significant impact on curbing militant movements. Jaffna and Kankesanthurai remained comparatively peaceful during the year. Over the next three months, the Bn recovered large quantities of arms and ammunition and apprehended 66 personnel of LTTE without any losses.

The GOC-in C awarded Lt Col SS Tanwar a richly deserved commendation. In Dec 1988, the Bn was relieved by 108 Inf Bn TA.

The successful experiment of employing 114 TA Bn(JAT) in Op Pawan later led to the norm to deploy TA Bns in CI ops elsewhere in J&K and the Northeast.



PREPARING FOR INDUCTION



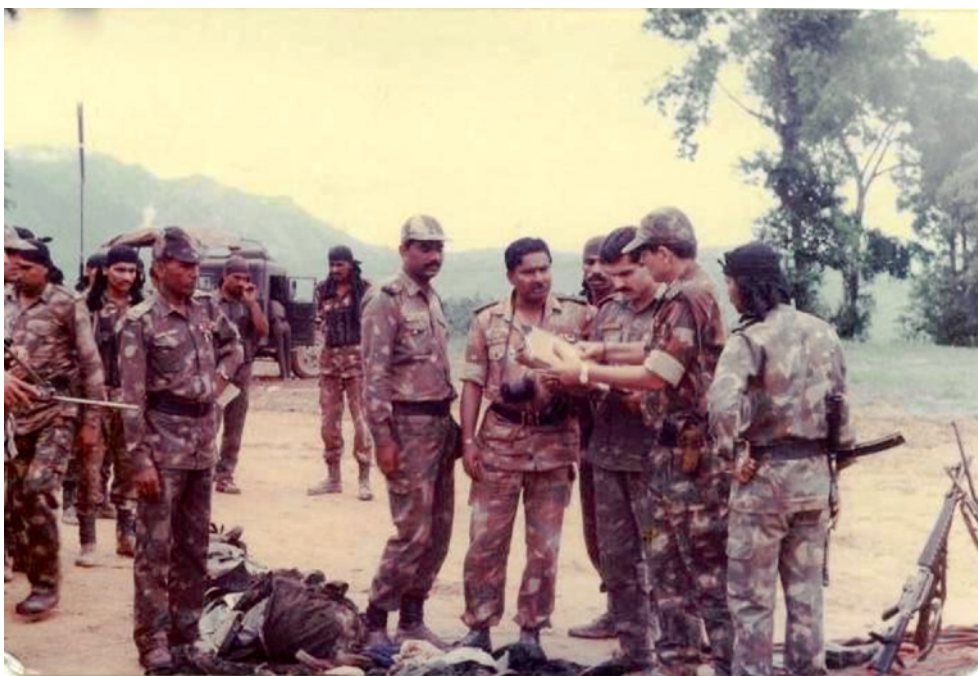
SKETCH 1. SHOWING AREA OF OPERATIONS OF OP PAWAN IN SRI LANKA

14 JAT

The next Bn to induct was 14 JAT. They reached Trincomalee on 28 Dec 1987. The JAT RC boosted the strength of personnel from other bns of the Regiment. On 03 Jan 1988, Lt Col Ahluwalia, the CO, led a search of Thandoni village, where a few suspected militants were apprehended. Another operation resulted in recovering two land mines and apprehension of 62 suspects.

C Coy of 14 JAT was airlifted and dropped short of Unnichhichai (not on Sketch), where 14 suspects were apprehended. On 11 Feb, the Bn arrested many more suspects. Interrogation revealed information about a political leader. Maj KS Venugopal and 2/Lt Sanjay Arora rushed to the spot and apprehended the leader. On 12 Mar, the Bn seized a boat and arrested 11 suspects. A Coy under Capt K Chaudhary apprehended two militants with 12-bore guns, hand grenades and explosives. The Bn captured two more militants with carbines.

Overall, 14 JAT neutralised 41 militants in Sri Lanka. They were awarded two M-in-Ds, six COAS Commendations and two GOC-in-C Commendations. One officer, two JCOs and four OR of the Bn were killed in action and two OR wounded.



TAKING STOCK OF RECOVERIES AFTER AN OPERATION IN SRI LANKA

4 JAT

The advance party moved from Dehradun, under Maj Tomar, on 15 Jul 1988. Based on feedback from other bns, Lt Col Vijay Singh, VSM, had carried out training and preparations for operations. The Bn appointed Tamil teachers and issued a handout to all ranks to help communicate in Tamil. Their ship, MV Akbar, entered Trincomalee harbour on 03 Oct 1988. The following day, militants in a boat fired at the ship and fled. 4 JAT disembarked on 04 Oct 1988.

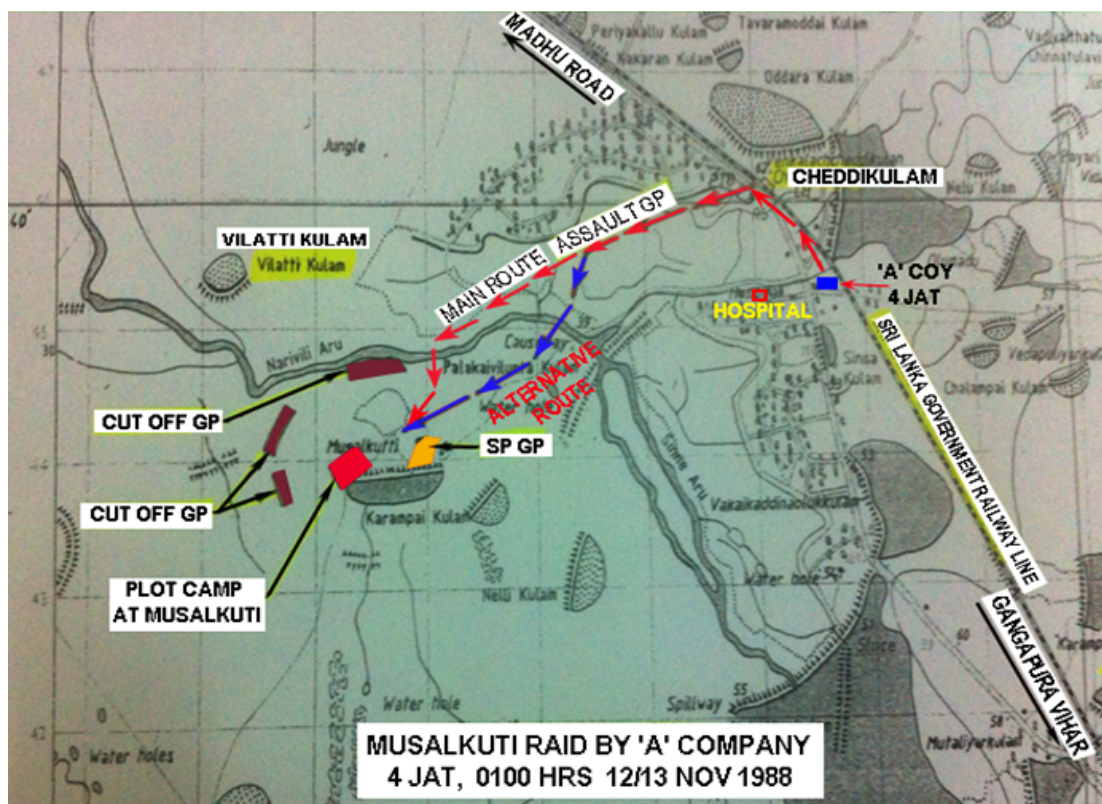
A party comprising Maj Shyam Lal, the 2IC, Maj PK Niyogi, Maj RS Ahlawat, Capt JC Bhatt (RMO) and two OR left the transit camp in a jonga for area familiarisation. Unfortunately, they were ambushed by the Tamil militants. Capt JC Bhatt was killed when their jonga overturned.

L/Nk Rajpal Singh succumbed to his injuries later. All other personnel in the jonga were wounded.

On 06 Oct, a convoy of 59 vehicles moving from Trincomalee to Vavuniya was fired upon, in which Nk Maha Singh and Sep/Washerman Rama Shankar were injured. However, the men reacted appropriately to save other personnel and vehicles. The next day, the entire Bn proceeded to the Div Battle School for further training. After that, the coys were deployed to protect major population centres and communication hubs. These posts became operating bases for the conduct of offensive operations.

Under Maj SN Hooda and 2/Lt Deepak Joshi, C Coy successfully countered an ambush on 17 Oct. On 20 Oct, a rail opening party of A Coy was ambushed in which Hav Jagdish Prasad Jat, Sep Randhir Singh, Sep Sultan Singh, Sep Rajbir Singh and Nk Shivpal Singh were killed in action.

Maj Ashwani Kumar was OC A Coy. Through their intelligence ops, a terrorist camp was located at Musalkuti. A plan was prepared to raid the camp on the night of 12/13 Nov 1988. See Sketch 2.



Sketch 2: Operations of 4 JAT

Secrecy was maintained until A Coy was about 500 mtr short of the camp. Support and cut-off groups were deployed. When the raid group was 50 mtr short of the target, it encountered IEDs and came under fire. The Coy's mortars and MMGs brought fire to the LTTE camp. By 0500 hrs, the raid group secured the camp without casualties. As expected, the terrorists tried to escape, taking some civilians who were present. In the exchange of fire, three prominent terrorist leaders were killed and several injured (later confirmed by a Tamil Daily). Maj Ashwani Kumar was awarded M-in-D.

In another operation on 20 Nov, a swift cordon and search led by Maj Ashwani Kumar resulted in the capture of 'Anand', a political leader of Cheddikulam. His interrogation led to a successful ambush the next day to capture another important leader with arms and ammunition. Presidential elections were held in Dec, and all Jat bns effectively dominated their areas to facilitate smooth conduct.

The biggest catch of the tenure came on 13 Jan 1989. B Coy (Maj Jyotirmoy Ghosal) employed another local outfit's nine members to draw 15 LTTE cadres into a killing ground. In the ensuing fight, the Area Commander of LTTE, codenamed 'Jessey', and another militant were killed on the Vavuniya – Mannar road. In this op, Sep Dharajit Chahar was awarded the VrC posthumously. The Overall Force Commander soon visited the post. The Bn arranged the last rites of 'Jessey', who had been popular among the locals. Lt Col Vijay Singh was surprised when Jessey's parents walked up and touched his feet in gratitude for honouring their son. The other locals, too, appreciated this gesture by the Bn.

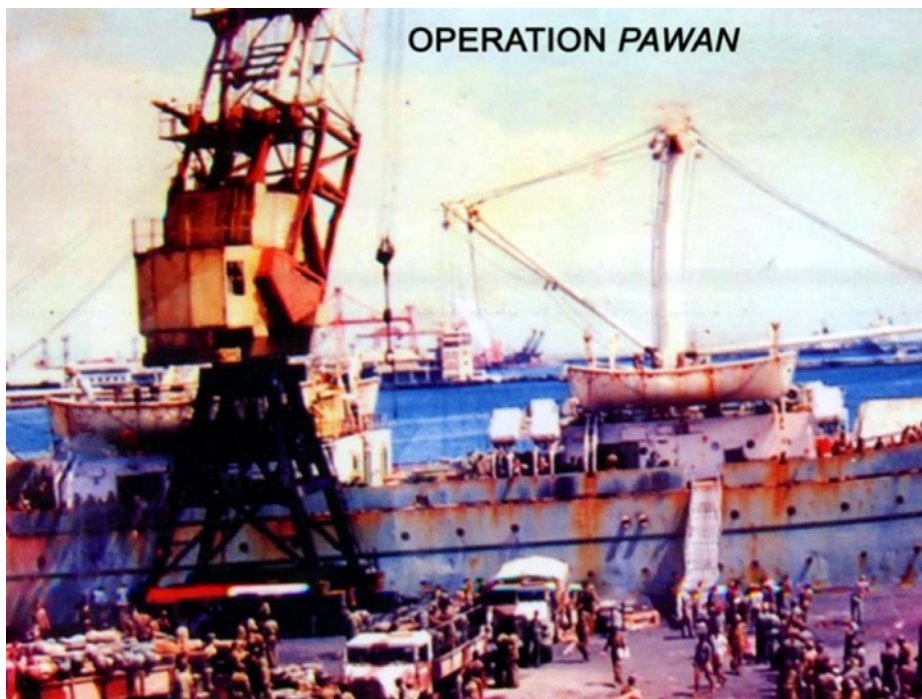
On 06 Feb, a search party of D Coy laid an ambush and killed another LTTE leader. In May, the Bn killed nine armed militants. In addition to the conduct of these operations, the Bn trained 249 personnel for the Civil Voluntary Force by Jun 1989.

During Op Pawan, the Bn killed 19 militants and apprehended nine. Capt J C Bhatt (AMC), L Nk Rajpal Singh, Hav Jagdish Prasad Jat, Sep Randhir Singh, Sep Sultan Singh, Sep Rajbir Singh, L/Nk Shivpal Singh, Sep Dharajit Chahar and Hav Rajendra Singh were killed in action in Op PAWAN. Three officers and thirteen OR were wounded. The Bn received one VrC, three SMs and two M-in-Ds.

12 JAT

The Bn got no time to prepare for Op Pawan. Col Resham Singh, the CO, recalls:

"I used the whole time in the special train to prepare the Bn. The training was conducted even during long halts and at Chennai Harbour."



12 JAT AT CHENNAI HARBOUR

On 13 Aug 1988, the Bn received news of 2/Lt Indranil Biswas, in the Advance Party, having been injured and four other fatal casualties. On reaching Trincomalee, the Bn camped and trained before leaving for Vavuniya.

The Bn reached Puliyanikulam, where the Bn HQ, B, Support, and Administration Coys were based. The unit operated in the general area east of Vavuniya.

The first major operation was carried out at Iranai. Maj BK Chaturvedi, Capt Joy with D Coy and some elements of 9 PARA (SF) hit the LTTE. At Iranai, the CO got the news that B Coy in Puliyanikulam had lost both Coy Cdr and the Coy 2IC, leading from the front. The Bn quickly recovered from the loss of Maj M Lewis and Capt P Jolly. The shortage of maps, intelligence and interpreters was soon overcome, and the Bn carried out some successful operations to hit the LTTE.

In an op on 07 Jun, the CO was grievously wounded and evacuated. In this op, eight militants were killed and ten wounded. The Bn suffered two fatal casualties and eleven injured. The CO was awarded the SM. Capt Alok Singh was awarded the VrC.

After the evacuation of Col Resham, Lt Col BS Gill, VrC, who had been serving in Army HQ, was posted to 12 JAT. The Bn conducted an operation in which 22 terrorists were killed. During Op Pawan, the Bn was awarded one VrC, six SMs, two M-in-Ds and two COAS Commendations.

On 20 Sep 1989, a ceasefire was announced between IPKF and LTTE. The Indian Peace Keeping Force was de-inducted in the next few months. On de-induction, 4 JAT moved to Mhow, and 12 JAT moved to Lucknow

Chapter 5

Decade of the 1990s – Focus J&K

Background

Emboldened and flush with American funds and weapons in Mujahideen's war in Afghanistan against the Soviet 40th Army, Gen Zia ul Haq commenced planning for a proxy war in J&K in the late 80s. Unlike their previous attempts in 1948 and Op Gibraltar in 1965, when Pakistani raiders were sent into J&K to loot, plunder and rape to paralyse the democratically elected governments, Pakistan planned to fight this time a religious war using impoverished but radicalised youth trained in guerilla warfare. Slowly and surreptitiously, radicalism spread to replace the age-old Kashmiriyat in Kashmir.

Insurgency erupted in 1989 with the killing and driving out of Hindus and Sikhs to change the demography of Muslim majority areas and paralyse the democratically elected government of J&K. Radicalism affected the functioning of the executive and the judiciary, instigating mayhem in the State. People came to the streets, and many political leaders joined them. In Dec 1989, the JKLF kidnapped the daughter of Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, the Union Home Minister, which led to the release of hardcore terrorists in custody in exchange. This seriously threatened the integrity of the Indian Nation after Independence.

The Central Govt placed the State under Governor's rule, declared J&K disturbed and invoked the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). The Indian Army rose to the occasion to fight the proxy war on the LC and in the interior. Reserve formations were deployed for short periods to combat armed militants in the disturbed State. However, the radicalism-inflamed insurgency continued to spread.

In 1994, Gen BC Joshi, the COAS, realised the danger of long deployment of regular infantry bns denuding focus from conventional capability. Thirty bns of Rashtriya Rifles with ten Sect HQ and two CI Force HQ, Victor and Delta, were raised in 1994. These forces were effective by mid-1995. Along with a few other formations, these forces successfully controlled the situation to conduct Parliamentary and Assembly elections in 1996. It was then left to the elected governments to complete the normalisation process.

The formations on the LC, the AGPL in the Glacier Region, and the International Border remained deployed for their primary tasks.

In 1994 the Infantry received 5.56 INSAS rifles. Bns also received the Russian-origin Dragunov Sniper Rifles at the scale of two per rifle company. In 1997 bns commenced receiving the Russian-sourced 30 mm Automatic Grenade Launcher AGL 17. Flame 1 and Flame 2 ATGMs were introduced by the Decade's end.

The Bns employed in CI operations were provided bullet-proof jackets and bullet-proof headgear. The Bns also received a few bullet-proof vehicles which could withstand improvised explosives.

Army Static Communication Network (ASCON) communications were established to facilitate secure communications down to the unit level. At remote places, Radio Relays were provided.

Army Radio Engineered Network (AREN) was introduced in offensive formations in the plains. Slowly all Bns procured computers and used these to improve documentation.

In the Regiment, Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, VSM, took over as COJR from Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, in Apr 1990. After two years, Maj Gen HB Kala, SC, took over as the COJR in Apr 1992. Activities of all bns during the 1990s are given in succeeding paras. The Regiment's account in Op Vijay is described in the next chapter.



LT GEN R NARASIMHAN, SC, VSM, COJR (WEARING BADGES OF RANK OF COL)



MAJ GEN HB KALA, SC, TAKES OVER AS THE COJR (WEARING BADGES OF RANK OF COL)

2 MECH (1 JAT LI)

The Bn was located at Hisar as part of 33 Armd Div, and Col Kulwant Singh was Commanding the Bn in Jan 1990. On 10 Aug 1990, Col Sanjeev Madan took over command. Maj Pran Chibber led a column of BMP-II for the Republic Day Parade at Delhi on 26 Jan 1991. On 10 Dec 1990, Maj Gen Gulati, GOC, 31 Armd Div, was impressed when he witnessed the floatation training of the Bn at Ghasauli Tal.



CANAL CROSSING BY 2 MECH INF (1 JAT LI)

Col Narendra Sandhu took over the Command of the Bn on 28 Sep 1992. In Jun 1993, the Bn team led by Lt PS Joshi won the 31 Armd Div inter-unit Recce Platoon/Troop Competition. In Jul 1993, the Bn moved from Babina to Lalgah Jattan as part of 150 Armd Bde. On 19 Nov 1994, Col Pran Chibber took over the Command of the Bn at Lalgah Jattan. Lt Gen KL D'Souza, AVSM, ADC, DCOAS, Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, visited on 12 Aug 1995. On 11 Jan 1996, Maj Anurag Srivastava made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty at Kupwara Sect while posted with 21 Assam Rif. He was awarded the SC posthumously for gallantry.

In Oct 1996, the Bn moved to Sangrur and came under 43 Armd Bde/1 Armd Div. On 07 Sep 1997, The JORA (Jat Regiment Officers Association) Meet was organised in a befitting manner. Lt Gen HB Kala, GOC-in-C Western Command and COJR attended the event.

Col Shammi Bhatia took over the Command of 2 MECH INF [1 JAT (LI)] on 15 Jan 1998. In the first week of Jun 1999, the Bn received news of Maj Rajesh Singh Adhikari's gallantry on 30 May during the capture of Tololing while being posted to 18 GRENADIERS. He was awarded the MVC posthumously.

2 JAT

Col Mahendra Singh of 7 JAT had taken over 2 JAT when the Bn was in Nagaland in Jun 1990. 8 Mtn Div moved from Nagaland to J&K in Jul. 56 Mtn Bde less 2 JAT moved into the Budgam District of J&K. 2 JAT remained in the Doda – Kishtwar Area. By Oct 1990, 2 JAT rejoined 56 Mtn Bde and was located at Pattan. The Bn began operating but did not fare well in the first few encounters, finding J&K militancy quite different from the Naga Insurgency. Gradually with experience and human intelligence gained through locals, they apprehended armed militants in search operations and recovered ammunition and warlike equipment.

The Bn continued to gain experience and neutralised Pakistan-trained militants in the first half of 1991. A Kashmiri jawan, Sep Abdul Hamid, whom militants had kidnapped, was rescued in a search operation in Sopore. Visits to the Bn by Lt Gen R Narasimhan, COJR and Col BD Dangwal, the Commandant JAT RC, boosted the morale of the 'Mooltanis'.

The Bn's most successful operation was in Oct 1991 when under Maj Baldev Raj, Maj Thakur Karan Singh, 12 terrorists were killed, and ten AK-47 rifles were recovered. Capt Satbir Singh was awarded SM. Sub Vijay Singh of the Bn was commended for his outstanding performance. During the tenure, the Bn neutralised 30 militants and captured 45 weapons supplied by Pakistan without any losses. The Bn received two SMs and three COAS Commendations.

After one year in the Valley, 2 JAT was de-inducted and moved to Dehradun in Jan 1992. They operated in Op Rakshak in Punjab for two months in 1992. In Oct, the Bn celebrated its 175th Anniversary of Raising when Col Mahindra Singh commanded a ceremonial parade. Col DS Ahlawat took over the Bn in Mar 1993. At Dehradun, the Bn won the Divisional ARA championship. In May 1996, Sep Phusa Ram, a veteran who had participated in the Battle of Rohtak Tekri in 1948, visited and recounted experiences of the First Indo-Pak War of 1947-1948.

From Dehradun, 2 JAT moved to Suratgarh. Col KJ Singh, who had been posted out from 12 JAT due to an injury, took over 2 JAT in Oct 1996. The Bn conducted a lecture demonstration on securing the home bank and crossing a water obstacle in plains. 2 JAT, along with 42 Armd Regiment, conducted a demonstration on Counter Attack. Col KJ Singh made an impressive presentation on trials done by 2 JAT on the effects of a reduction in scales of training ammunition in infantry bns.

In Jul 1999, the Mooltanis left Suratgarh for Sevoke Road, where they trained for operations in North Sikkim. In Oct 1999, Col KJ Singh handed over to Col Balbir Singh.

3 JAT

By 15 Apr 1991, the Bn moved to Bikaner under 8 Inf Bde/24 Inf Div, where it had previously served from 1972 to 1974. The Silver Jubilee of the Battle of Dograi was celebrated with much jubilation. Brig DE Hayde, MVC, Retd, addressed the men in a special Sainik Sammelan. Lt Gen Narasimhan, COJR, was the chief guest at the occasion. Col Rajan Narang took over the command of the Bn from Col KS Sivakumar on 25 May 1992.

Sep Devender Kumar, posted to 1 RR in Jan 1993, was awarded the SC posthumously. In Oct 1994, the unit moved to a High Altitude Area in Gurez Sect, Tilleul Valley (J&K), under 109 Inf Bde. For the winters, the Bn was de-inducted temporarily from Gurez Sect and into Keran Sect in 268 Inf Bde on the LC. From Dec 94 to Apr 95, the unit interdicted the Muzaffarabad – Kel Road by destroying eight vehicles and five bunkers.

B Coy in the Nowshahera Nar in May 1995 killed a group of ten militants trying to exfiltrate from the valley into POK. In another op carried out in Jul, another militant was killed, and two others belonging to the extremist outfit Al-Jehad were apprehended. Lt Col RJ Sharma assumed command on 31 Jul 1995.

Nk Rajbir Singh of A Coy, then posted to 52 Special Action Group(NSG), was awarded the SM for single-handedly taking on the hijackers of Indian Airlines flight IC 427 and saving the lives of 136 passengers. Sub Om Prakash was awarded VSM for his achievements in Basketball. The 30th anniversary of Dograi Day was celebrated with festivity from 21 to 23 Sep 1995. A few days later, the unit was visited by the Governor of J&K, Gen KV Krishna Rao (Retd). The Bicentenary of the JAT Regiment celebrated in Nov 1995 at JRC was attended by the CO, SM and a few OR.

A couple of successful operations were carried out in early 1996 by C (Maj SS Hasabnis) and D (Maj RN Mathur) Coys. On 21 Jan, an op was launched in Lolab Valley in inclement weather, killing a 'District Cdr' of Al Barq and capturing six hardcore militants of the same outfit. In Feb 96, an op resulted in the killing of two hardcore militants belonging to HM and the apprehension of a militant from the same group. Games and sports took a backseat in this location, but personnel from the unit continued to excel and bring laurels to the Unit. Hav Sugar Singh won the National Thane Mayor Varsha Marathon in a record 2 hours 29.5 minutes for the top prize of Rs 50,000/-.

In Nov 96, the Bn de-inducted the Kanzalwan Sub-sector to Sonarwain for the onward move to Solan under 95 Inf Bde. On Independence Day 1997, the unit was awarded the GOC-in-C NC Unit Appreciation for its performance in Op Rakshak. Col AV Garde took over in Dec 1997. Hav Sugar Singh secured 2nd position in the Open International Marathon Championship held at Pune. In Jun of 1999, the Bn was placed on a three-hour move notice for Op Vijay. The Bn moved to Mahmudpura for Op Vijay deployment, which remained until Oct 99. Lt Col S.S. Hasabnis took over the reins of the Bn in Aug 1999.

4 JAT

The Bn arrived at Mhow on 28 Jan 1990 as Demo Bn for the Inf School. Lt Col Vijay Singh, VSM, handed over to Col BS Nagal on 12 Jul 90. Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, VSM, MS & COJR, visited twice, in Jul 90 & Feb 91. Sub Jaipal & Sub Rajbir were awarded 'SM' on Republic Day for their gallant actions in Op PAWAN. Sep Ram Karan was selected for World Wrestling Gold Cup to be held in Tehran in Feb. The unit conducted a demo on Attack for Lt Gen JD Hamambo, Chief of Defence Forces, Namibia and Maj Gen CDNP Namllloh, COAS, Namibian Army, at Bercha on 23 May. The Bn paid homage to the fallen of the Battle of Beriwalla Bridge on 03 Dec. Maj Gen RK Suri, VrC, GOC PH & HP Sub Area, and Col DS Shekhawat, AVSM, both ex-COs, attended the function. The Bn commenced the Troop Trials of 5.56 mm INSAS Rif on 18 Dec 91.

The Bn moved to Chakabama under 10 Sect AR/IGAR North in Jan 1992. A Coy raided NSCN (IM) GHQ, wherein one NSCN cadre was killed. On 26 Jul, the Bn was placed under 73 Mtn Bde. On 19 Sep 92, D Coy moved to Tusom to relieve a coy of 25 AR. On 19 Jan 93, a patrol led by Maj SK Awasthi apprehended five UGs recovering six weapons. Lt Gen NS Malik, GOC 3 Corps, visited on 30 Mar 93. A Coy apprehended an armed SS Capt on 19 May from Aguto village. Lt Col RK Chauhan took over on 28 May. Three Burmese nationals were apprehended on 05 Jan 93 near Kharasom Lazo. On 25 Jul, 2/Lt AK Mohanty apprehended four UGs at vill Dihoma (Nagaland).

On 13 Feb 94, Maj Rajesh Tyagi apprehended three armed UGs. On 24 Sep, one SS Sgt was apprehended by Sub Amar Singh. On 07 Oct, QRT led by Lt Col PK Niyogi apprehended two UGs of NFG, one SS Maj & another SS 2 Lt. Four UGs were apprehended by Sub Suzan Singh on 31 Dec. Col BS Nagal, ex-CO & 2 Lt AK Mohanty were awarded the SM on Republic Day 1995. Incident-free elections were witnessed in Manipur from 15 to 19 Feb 95. One UG with a 9 mm carbine was apprehended at Pfutsero by Sub Zile Singh on 26 Sep 95. On 12 Mar, in a search op led by 2 Lt KS Sharma, one .30 US carbine with ammunition was recovered from Chizami. Gen Shankar Roychowdhury, AVSM, PVSM, ADC, and COAS visited the Bn. It was de-inducted from Jessami on 23 Jan 95. On 28 Jun 95, while the Bn was at Guwahati railway station, Lt Col PK Niyogi took over and was promoted to Col on 23 Jul 95.

The Bn arrived in Pithoragarh on 17 Jul 95 under 69 Mtn Bde. While at Pithoragarh, the Bn excelled in Athletics, Wrestling, Volleyball, Ghatak, Cross-country, SA Firing, Handball and Basketball. The unit was awarded the COAS Unit Citation on 15 Jan 96 for its performance in Manipur & Nagaland under Op Hifazat. Lt Gen HB Kala, AVSM, SC, GOC-in-C Western Command and COJR on 10 Jun 96. The Bn's pipes and drums were detailed to participate in Army Day & RD Parade 1998 in New Delhi.



Col PK Niyogi, CO 4 JAT, receiving the COAS Unit Citation

The Bn moved for Kaksar on 08 Jun under 121 Inf Bde. In the following months up to May 1999, there were regular incidents of cross-LC fire by the enemy, which were retaliated in double the intensity by destroying several enemy bunkers, including an AD Gun and killing six enemy soldiers during this period. Nk Satyapal and Sep Arun Kumar were killed in action. Col P K Niyogi handed over to Col M S Kukshal on 05 Dec 98. Firing on the LC intensified in the first week of May 99. The Bn's account in Op Vijay is covered in Chapter 6.

5 JAT

The 1990s began with the Golden Jubilee celebrations on 01 Feb 1991 at Jaipur. The Bn participated in Op Rakshak from 26 Apr 91 to 14 Jul 91. Col AS Jaswal handed over to Col RPS Yadav on 03 Jun 91. Consequent to the Mumbai Blasts, it was employed for IS duties in Pune from 06 Jan 93 to 15 Apr 93. On 29 Sep 93, the Bn reached its HAA location in North Sikkim under HQ 112 Mtn Bde/17 Mtn Div. Maj Gen HB Kala, SC, COJR & Lt Gen B Joginder Singh (Retd), MVC, VSM, visited on 11-12 Sep 1993.

Col KK Bhattacharya assumed command on 22 Dec 93. Bn was deployed in Bunker during this period as part of Op Falcon. After completing one year of Bunker (Super High Altitude Area) tenure, the Bn moved to Lachung on 09 Nov 1994 for its balance of field tenure. A Coy under Maj MP Singh carried out rescue ops after a massive landslide near Gangtok city, saving many civilian lives. Maj MP Singh was awarded the COAS Commendation. The Bn was visited by Lt Gen HB Kala, AVSM, SC, COJR on 11-12 Sep 1995.

On 06 Dec 1995, the Bn moved to Ranikhet for its peace tenure under HQ 99 Mtn Bde/HQ 6 Mtn Div. At Ranikhet, Lt Gen HB Kala, the COJR, visited from 10 to 12 Jun 1996. The Bn won the Div Cross Country championship. The baton of the Bn passed to Col J Ghoshal on 06 Sep 1997. The Bn received the overall Div Banner. On 01 Aug 1998, the Bn moved to Doda (J&K) and was placed under HQ 9 Sect RR on 03 Dec.

During Op Vijay, the Bn was de-inducted from CI ops on 20 Jun 99 and deployed along the IB in RS Pura Sect (Khepar & Dablehar) under 19 Inf Bde/26 Div. Bn later moved to Makhwal & Sohanjana DCB in Aug 1999.

The Bn was re-inducted into CI ops under 9 Sect RR/CIF(D) on 12 Nov 99. On 20 Feb 2000, It redeployed in Naushera Sect under 80 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div. The Bn moved to Chingus under 120 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div on 20 May 2000 for deployment in CI ops and then to Galuthi on 04 Oct 2000. Despite the frequent moves, it was successful in eliminating 25 terrorists. During the tenure, Bn earned five SMs, five COAS and eight GOC-in-C Commendations.

6 JAT

The Bn moved from Op Rakshak at Gulpur under 93 Inf Bde to 30 Inf Bde/11 Inf Div at Udaipur in Nov 1990. The Golden Jubilee celebrations on 01 Feb 1991 were attended by Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, PVSM, VSM, Military Secretary and COJR. After celebrating the Golden Jubilee, the Bn moved for Desert Orientation Training in Shergarh, Suwaliya Sect of Jodhpur district, and returned by Apr 1991. In Nov 1991, the Bn deployed in Op Rakshak at Myjalar with coys at Sudra, Pochina, Dhanana, Lunar and Myjalar to counter the infiltration of Pakistan-based terrorists, using the unfenced and open routes of Rajasthan and thence to J&K, that began in the second half of 1991. On being relieved by units of 31 Inf Bde, the Bn returned to Jaipur by Jul 1992.

The Bn moved to Nurta, J&K, under 121(I) Inf Bde (later 70 Inf Bde) in Sep 1993, while Col HS Nahal handed over to Col Shyam Lal in Mar. The Bn deployed on the Northern Glacier under Op Meghdoot from 01 Apr to 31 Aug 1994, the second JAT Bn to serve at that location. Four Pakistani soldiers were killed and five wounded in the intermittent exchange of fire across the AGPL in front of Sia-La and Sonam Coys without any losses to the Bn.



AIR OFFICER COMMANDING, LEH, WITH LT COL JS JAGDEV AT THE BN HQ



Crossing a Crevasse at Sia La

D Coy, holding the world's highest coy-defended locality, had witnessed zero casualties in the first three months of its deployment. However, on 13 Jun 1994, an avalanche hit the Sonam post. While the Coy successfully rescued 14 soldiers from the avalanche, it lost six soldiers, namely Nk Ram Kumar, Nk Yogender Singh, Sep Anup Singh, Sep Jagdish Prasad, Sep Ramesh Kumar and Sep Suryavanshi. The Bn de-inducted to Nimu in Oct and moved to Meerut for a well-deserved peace location under 49 Inf Bde/22 Inf Div in Nov 1995. Col JS Jagdev, the 2IC during the Siachen tenure, took over the Bn the next month on promotion.

At Meerut, the Bn participated in Desert Orientation, watermanship and other training exercises. The Bn excelled in all sports and professional competitions at the Div level. It hosted the Defence Minister, Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, Gen S Roychowdhury, AVSM, ADC, COAS, Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, GOC-in-C Western Command and Lt Gen SS Mehta, AVSM, VSM, GOC 2 Corps, during this tenure.

On 17 Apr 1999, The Bn took over the operational responsibility under 181 Mtn Bde/21 Mtn Div at Gossaigaon under Col RK Rawat. This account is given in Chapter 7.

7 JAT

From Arunachal Pradesh, 7 JAT moved to Sri Ganganagar in Dec 1990 and was deployed for Op Rakshak in Punjab in Feb 1991. In Punjab, the Bn apprehended 21 Bangladeshi nationals crossing the IB. The Bn won the Div Mortar Platoon and the Sports Trophy for all three years. In May 1992, the Bn participated in formation exercises and battle inoculation.

Col LK Rawal took over the Bn in Mar 1993 and led 7 JAT into the Kashmir Valley in 1994. The Bn eliminated 29 terrorists, apprehended 34 and accepted the surrender of 13 terrorists during the initial part of the tenure. The officers who conducted most operations, besides the CO, were Lt Col BS Adhikari, Majors SC Singla, SK Saini, Vikas Yadav, GSP Raju, and 2/Lt SS Bajwa.



MAJ GEN DB SHEKATKAR, GOC, WITH A PATROL OF 7 JAT

An operation with a tragic end was Op Shanti at Charar-e-Sharief. Below is the gist of the incident as recorded by HQ 8 Mtn Div.

56 Mtn Bde of 8 Mtn Div was deployed in the Budgam Sect. 7 JAT was part of this Bde. On 06 Mar 1995, a BSF convoy was ambushed when moving through Charar-e-Sharief, a town in the Budgam District. HQ Northern Command asked the Civil Administration to control the situation in the town. 8 Mtn Div was asked not to enter the town but to deploy around the town's periphery in several stops instead. The foreign terrorists inside the town later moved into the Shrine.

7 JAT deployed two coys as part of the Bde's Cordon. A company commander of 7 JAT received a message from the terrorists asking the Army to pull back. The officer replied that the terrorists should lay down their arms and come out unarmed. Ignoring this message, on 08 May, the terrorists set fire to a part of the town, distracting the civil administration. The troops, however, remained deployed on the periphery. Suddenly, at 0255 hrs on 11 May, the terrorists led by an Afghani terrorist named Mast Gul set fire to the Sufi Shrine within the town, and many escaped from the Shrine. After that, the Bde entered the town and killed 28 terrorists between 11 and 14 May 1995. Four of these terrorists were accounted for by 7 JAT. The Bn recovered four rifles and two pistols. The Govt did not permit the media to cover the events during Op Shanti.

Col AK Gupta took over in Jul 1995. Maj Vikas Yadav, Lt MR Lamba, and 14 OR were killed in action during this tenure in the Kashmir Valley. The Bn was awarded one SC, seven SMs, eight COAS Commendations and four GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn was awarded the COAS Unit Citation and the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation. The Governor of J&K presented them with a Silver Salver.

From J&K, 7 JAT moved to Udaipur in Jan 1997. Col AK Pandey, who had commanded 9 JAT earlier, took over 7 JAT in Jul 1999.

8 JAT

Bn once again moved to Mamun Cantt under 84 Inf Bde. The Unit secured first place in inter Bn RCL Sub Caliber Championship and stood first in Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Handball and Kabaddi in the Inter Bn Competitions. During its tenure from Nov 89 to Dec 1992, the Bn was visited by Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM (ex-CO 8 JAT) on 19-20 Mar 90, Lt Gen Harwant Singh, AVSM, GOC 16 Corps, Lt Gen R Narasimhan, PVSM, SC, VSM, COJR on 30-31 Jan 92 and Maj Gen HB Kala, SC, COJR on 11-12 Nov 92. This tenure saw a change of command from Col Amar Narwat (Jun 87 to Nov 90) to Col RP Dobriyal (Nov 90 to Sep 93).

In its subsequent tenure, the Bn was deployed at Nangi Tekri, under Col Rajendra Joshi (Sep 93 to Dec 95), under 10 Inf Bde in Jhallas, Poonch (J&K). Here the Bn neutralised 20 militants leading to the Unit Citation award by GOC-in-C in 1996. After Jhallas, the Bn moved to Tibri, Gurdaspur, under 96 Inf Bde. Col Rajiv Bhalla commanded the Bn from Dec 95 to Apr 98. The Paltan won the Div Small Arms and Obstacle Training, Inter Bn Cross Country and Volleyball Competitions in an excellent all-round performance. In its tenure from Nov 95 to Jun 1998, it was visited by Lt Gen VK Sewal, GOC 11 Corps, Lt Gen RK Nanavati, UYSM, AVSM, COS HQ WC, Lt Gen JK Khurana, DGMS (the second RMO of the Bn) and Lt Gen HB Kala, SC. In Jul 1998, the Bn deployed under 109 Inf Bde in Gurez Sect. In a short span of Jul 1998 to Aug 1999, the Bn conducted various ops. An op led by Lt Sumit Bana over five days resulted in a significant recovery of arms, ammunition & other warlike stores.

In mid-Apr 1999, in Op Vajra Vijay under 109 Inf Bde/28 Inf Div, the Bn was tasked to occupy a new Bn Defended Area at Chakwali (3200m) in virgin, glaciated terrain with heights ranging from 4200m to 5000m. It included the construction of new tracks for all the posts, preparations of defended localities, construction of defensive operational works, and winter stocking for 240 days - all to be completed before Sep 1999. However, on 23 May 1999, the task changed to establish a foothold on the LC. This change implied a complete re-orientation and re-organisation from a defensive to an offensive posture. 8 JAT was the only Bn of 28 Div to participate in Op Vijay. Its account is described in the next chapter.

After Op Vijay, the Bn was deployed in Panzgam Sect under 68 Inf Bde from Aug 1999 to Oct 2000 in CI ops. Op Ranger, led by Lt P K Vashishtha, resulted in the killing of five foreign terrorists. Operation Jai Durga resulted in the killing of four terrorists. Relentless search ops led to busting several terrorist hideouts. In the OPs Balwan I to IX series, 12 terrorists were killed, and two surrendered. In Nov 2000, the Bn de-inducted from Panzgam to the hill station of Mount Abu.

9 JAT

Col RA Singh took the reins of the Bn from Col Sukhbir Singh on 24 Jul 1989, a month after the Bn reached Rhenock. The Bn remained Sports Champions in the Div for three consecutive years from 1989 to 92. It also won the Mortar Platoon Competition in 27 Mtn Div for three years consecutively under the leadership of Lt GAV Reddy. Sub Beg Raj was adjudged the best MFC in the Div. Col Gurnam Singh took over on 20 Jan 1992.

From Rhenock, the Bn moved to Lalgah Jattan (Modified Field) in Feb 1993. The Bn's performance in exercises in the general area of Mahajan was appreciated by the GOC in a

Sainik Sammelan. The Bn continued to excel in sports and professional competitions in Lalgarh Jattan. Col AK Pandey took over command on 26 Sep 1994.

On 23 May 1996, the Bn moved to Kanzalwan on the Shamshabari Range. The Bn successfully plugged the Losar Gap, a significant infiltration route. In Aug 1996, Maj Ashutosh Kumar, killed in action in an op in which two terrorists were neutralised, was awarded the SM posthumously. On 12 Nov 1997, Col PB Gole, SM, took command. On 18 Jul 1998, while leading his men to intercept infiltration, Col Gole, hit by a splinter during enemy shelling covering the infiltration bid, succumbed to his injuries. Col PB Gole, SM, was awarded Bar to SM posthumously. On 09 Aug 1998, Col SB Chavan took over the command of the Bn. Sub Nihal Singh and Nk Banshi Lal Jat were killed in action during this tenure. The Bn killed 19 and apprehended two terrorists during this tenure. It was awarded one Bar to SM, one SM and four COAS Commendations. It had the distinction of receiving the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation twice for its performance in the Kanzalwan tenure.

The Bn reached its peace location at Gwalior on 28 Aug 1998. It went to the Bikaner area for an exercise along with an Armd Bde in Mar-Apr 1999. The Bn won the 36 Inf Div Firing Trophy in May 1999. With the commencement of Op Vijay in May 1999, equipment deficiencies were made up quickly, followed by intensive training.

11 JAT

From Dehradun; the Bn moved to Lam in Jul 1989. The Bn lost Sep Randhir Singh in action in an exchange of fire across the LC. The Bn retaliated, bringing down heavy fire on the enemy localities opposite. Sub Mahendar Singh, in another operation, foiled an infiltration attempt and was awarded a COAS Commendation. 11 JAT established a new post named Jat Tekri to check infiltration.

Col AS Rekhi took over 11 JAT in Feb 1991. To incentivise units to send their best firers for the selection of the Regiment ARA Team at the Centre, Col Dangwal, VSM, the Centre Commandant, promised to post the entire recruit hockey team to the Bn winning the inter Bn ARA Trials. 11 JAT won the ARA trials competition held in Apr 1992 and received excellent hockey players as the prize!

In Aug 1992, the Bn moved to Kalu Chak near Jammu. In Nov 1993, a patrol led by Maj Koj Tari rescued a patrol of 75 Bn BSF engaged in a firefight with Pakistani Rangers. Maj Koj Tari and Sep Ram Bahadur received COAS Commendations for this action.

In Apr 1994, Col VS Jamwal took over 11 JAT. The Bn moved from Kalu Chak to Lekhapani (Assam) in Dec 1995 and deployed for CI ops. In Dec 1996, Col KG Bhagwat took over command. In Apr 1997, the May ST Upasani led an op ambushing a group of armed hostiles, killing three militants.

In May 1999, the Bn moved to Meerut under 49 Inf Bde/22 Inf Div. The Bn conducted river and canal crossing exercises on the Yamuna River and the Upper Ganga Canal. Command temporarily devolved on Lt Col SD Mehta when Col KG Bhagwat was posted to the Army Headquarters on 20 Aug 2000. Col ST Upasani, SM, took over in Dec 2000. The Bn dominated the Div competitions by winning the Small Arms Firing thrice, 84 mm RL twice, and Watermanship besides Basketball twice, Cross-country and adjudged the Best Bn of the Div. It achieved 39 'Best Students' on various army courses. The Bn also participated in Heli Borne Operations and Desert training.

In Dec 2001, the Bn was inducted into Op Parakram and deployed at Mehrana, Rajasthan, as part of the Strike Corps. The Meerut tenure under Col Upasani laid the foundation for the Bn's

performance in the following two decades, winning one COAS Unit Citation, three GOC-in-C Unit Appreciations and two UNIFIL Force Commander Citation.

12 JAT

From Sri Lanka, 12 JAT moved to Lucknow in Jan 1990. From Lucknow, they moved to Op Rakshak in Punjab from Nov 1991 to Apr 1992. Col RS Lamba took over in Feb 1992. The Bn moved to the Naushera sector (J&K). Col KJ Singh of 18 JAT took over in Nov 1994. However, due to an injury, Col KJ Singh had to be posted out, and Col Jai Gopal took over in Nov 1995. On recovering, Col KJ Singh later commanded 2 JAT.

In Oct 1995, 12 JAT moved to Binnaguri. They conducted joint training with the Royal Bhutan Army in 1996. On 16 May 1997, Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC and Brig Satish Kumar, the Centre Commandant, visited 12 JAT. After that, the Bn moved to the Turtuk Sect. The Bn's account in the Turtuk Sect in Op Vijay is described in Chapter 6.

14 JAT

The Bn reached North Sikkim in Sep 1991, under Col DS Bartwal. They carried out patrolling and ambushes in conjunction with personnel of 17 Assam Rifles. The main task was to dominate and defend the Plateau and observe the adversary's activities. While in Sikkim, the Bn was selected to serve at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.



14 JAT AT RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN

They moved to Red Fort, Delhi, in Jul 1993 for ceremonial duties in the Rashtrapati Bhawan. Despite the regular and frequent ceremonial responsibilities, the Bn's cross-country team won the Regiment championship at JAT RC. In Apr 1994, Col DL Chowdhary took over the Bn. 14 JAT's presence in Delhi proved to be a boon for Regimental get-togethers.

At the time, Brig KP Pandya was posted as the Deputy GOC of Delhi Area and Station Cdr. His presence in Delhi helped both the Bn and the Regiment. In Sep 1996, Col KS Venugopal took over 14 JAT. In three years, the Bn had the unique distinction of presenting Guards of Honour to 14 Presidents, 41 Ambassadors, seven Prime Ministers and other dignitaries. 14 JAT left Delhi for Charmagarh on the UP-Tibet Border in Nov 1996.

In Feb 1997, the Bn was moved to Kupwara Sect in J&K for counter-terrorist operations as 'additional troops'. In J&K, they lost one JCO and five OR and killed ten militants. Capt Pankaj Tuknait received SM and COAS Commendation. Two jawans received SMs. Col Venugopal and four others received COAS Commendations. Col OJS Khangura took over the Bn in Jun 1999, when Col Venugopal left for the HC Course. The Bn moved to Umroi Cantt in Sep 1999.

15 JAT

Lt Col DP Singh took over command from Lt Col PS Rautela on 22 Sep 1990. After completing the tenure at LKG, J&K, the Bn moved to Meerut (UP) under 49 Inf Bde/22 Inf Div on 23 Dec 1991. Having been in J&K for the last ten yrs, Meerut was a much-appreciated peace station for the AJGARs. The Bn made a clean sweep of sports and professional competitions. The unit got its first exposure to training in desert warfare in areas of Bikaner and Pallu. It was deployed in Op Rakshak-II from 22 Apr 92 to 28 Jul 92 in Mahal Kalan, Punjab (relieving 12 JAT) and later Tappa Mandi in Sangrur District. Returning to Meerut, Bn excelled at Football and Boxing, with L/Nk Rambhan adjudged the best Boxer of 22 Inf Div. Div championships of Wrestling, 20 km Walk and Cross Country were won with clear margins. Col Kuldeep Singh took over on 17 Jan 1993. In Jan 1993, in the wake of the Babri Masjid incident and Mumbai Riots, the Bn moved to provide prophylactic security cover during the Republic Day Parade in Delhi and was earmarked for contingencies in the walled city area of Old Delhi.

The Bn moved to Harsil under 9 (I) Mtn Bde/UP Area on 21 Sep 1994. During the tenure, Bn earned its share of goodwill by organising langar regularly for people carrying sacred water from Holy Ganga. The Bn magazine was once threatened by flash floods when Capt US Rathore's timely action prevented any damage. On 31 Dec 1994, Col Surjit Singh took over the command of the Bn from Col Kuldeep Singh. Admiral VS Shekhawat, AVSM, PVSM, VrC, ADC, and Chief of Naval Staff visited and addressed a unit Sainik Sammelan on 29 Jun 1995. Bn organised a cycle rally on 18 Nov 1995 from Harshil (UK) to Bareilly to commemorate the Regiment's Bicentenary. The Bn lost Sep Umed and Sep Dalbir when a patrol lost its way in a snowstorm in Dec 1995. Bn earned two COAS Commendations and two GOC-in-C Commendations during their tenure at Harsil.

On 16 Oct 1996, the Bn moved to Binnaguri under 202 Mtn Bde/20 Mtn Div. Under Maj GK Jha, the Endurance Team won the Inter Bn 33 Corps Endurance cum Firing Competition among the 19 infantry bns of the Corps Zone. The Pipes and Drums were selected for the Beating Retreat ceremony at the 1998 Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. The Bn excelled in the 'Attack by Infiltration' Div level exercise in the Labha area. As its first foreign assignment, the Bn had a stint as the Joint Training Bn with the Royal Bhutanese Army at Dukey Dzong (Bhutan) from 04 May 1998 to 05 Jul 1998. Having concentrated on full strength, the Bn used this opportunity to train its subunits and weapon crews and conduct promotion cadres. Returning to Binnaguri, it undertook a variety of responsibilities ranging from flood relief in Cooch Behar, IS duties in Kokrajhar, Assam, to providing railway protection for the movement of troops for Op Vijay.

On 23 Jun 1999, Col TS Raghav took over the baton from Col Surjit Singh. On 05 Nov 1999, the Bn moved to Tamenglong under 59 Mtn Bde/57 Mtn Bde. After six weeks of Pre-induction Training at CIJW School, the Bn in two columns marched from Vairengte in Mizoram to reach Tamenglong in Manipur in seven days. On arrival on 25 Dec, it occupied a CI grid with posts at Namtiram, Akhui and Tamenglong. The Bn was never stable at one location and shifted at least once every two months. Bn HQ moved four times during the tenure of two years. C Coy relieved 17 Para Field Regiment, engaged in CI ops, at Harinagar, Assam, for two months while remaining under the command of the Arty Bde at Haflong.

16 JAT

Having moved from Ferozepur under Col SP Arvind, 16 JAT began acclimatisation and training for deployment in the Northern Glacier in Aug 1990. One coy was deployed between Chorbat La and the Kargil Bde on the LC. In Oct, the Bn reconnoitred the Northern Glacier (NG). During this recce, Col SP Arvind developed a medical problem. Despite his pleading with the Surgeon at GH Leh, Lt Gen Narasimhan, the COJR, after a visit to the Bn, decided to send the Bn under a new CO.

Lt Col GG Dwivedi, from 14 JAT, took over on 01 Feb 1991. The Bn training team comprising 04 officers, 06 JCOs and 106 men under Maj Purushottam Singh was sent to Siachen Battle School and trained on ice craft and mountain warfare. In Feb 1991, these men trained other personnel of the Bn. This training team formed special ice craft teams for route opening and rescue missions on induction. The Bn occupied 30 posts, with 13 officers, 26 JCOs and 469 OR deployed at a time. The Regiment provided extra manpower, and additional officers were attached. The officers who served on various posts on the Saltoro Ridge were Maj Rajinder Singh, Maj Ashok Pande, Maj Manmegh Singh, Maj Rajesh Anand, Maj CS Handa, Maj Purushottam Singh, Maj Pradeep Narayanan, Capt SP Bhosle, Capt Anil Sen, Capt Sanjeev Dogra, Capt DR Bhalla, Capt IJ Singh, Capt Lhaden Bhutia, Lt Dhaliwal, Capt Ravi Dahiya (AC), Capt Ketan Bhat (EME) and Capt Moorthy (Ord), Capt Bal, AMC and Lt Anil Menon, AMC.



16 JAT ON THE GLACIER



READY TO INDUCT



SONAM, THE HIGHEST HELIPAD IN THE WORLD

Sonam complex was entirely air maintained with the World's highest helipad at 19450 ft. In Apr 1991, two helicopters crashed one after another when attempting to land. Maj CS Handa and his spirited men made the third helipad within hours to evacuate the crews, who could not have

survived due to lack of acclimatisation. The Bn conducted fire assaults using all available weapons and arty. Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, VSM, COJR, visited Kumar Post and the base of Bila.

The second induction to the posts took place in Jun 1991. The Coy under Maj Manmegh Singh thwarted the enemy's attempt to capture Left Shoulder of Sia La Complex. Maj Manmegh, alerted by the sounds of rope fixing, moved his special team to occupy the feature pre-empting the enemy. This new post was named Suraj after Hav Suraj, the special team leader. Maj Purushottam Singh's Coy at Bila again thwarted an attempt, during inclement weather, by Pakistani troops to surprise and capture its Ashok Post by killing four enemy soldiers fixing ropes in the proximity of our posts. The Bde Cdr flew over the area to see the enemy dead before recommending an award of the SM to Maj Purushottam. The CO, Lt Col GG Dwivedi, was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal. The Bn lost two men due to medical reasons. On 03 Nov 1991, the Bn de-inducted to Karu.

The Bn moved to Alwar in Sep 1992. At Alwar, the Bn won the Div ARA championship thrice and the Div Ghatak competition twice. They conducted a lecture cum demonstration on 'Securing the Home Bank of a Canal', witnessed by the Corps and Army Cdr. Col HPS Randhawa took over in Feb 1994. The Bn carried out desert orientation and canal crossing training. After Alwar, 16 JAT moved to Rakhmuthi under 191 Bde. There was frequent exchange of fire across the IB due to the enemy's attempts to interfere with the Border Fence construction, leading to civilian casualties on both sides. In Oct 1996, Col AKR Tripathi took over command. Responding to the killing of the driver of a 3-ton lorry Maj Purushottam along with two other officers, laid an ambush and killed four enemy soldiers. The Bn recovered six Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and the Ghatak Platoon eliminated an ISI agent. The Bn established a new post before handing it over to the BSF and constructed a km-long Bund to protect the exposed village Nikowal and facilitate movement to forward posts from the enemy's direct firing weapons. Col AKR Tripathi was awarded the SM for distinguished service.

17 JAT

On 08 Dec 1989, the Bn, under Col IS Jhangu, arrived at Alwar under 20 Inf Bde/18 Inf Div after the tenure in J&K. The Bn won the MMG, Mortars, Basketball, Wrestling, Marathon, Athletics, Cross Country, Volleyball, Mine Laying and 20/50 km walk at the Div level. It celebrated its Silver Jubilee with pageantry. Maj Gen MR Sharma, GOC 18 RAPID, complimented the unit for an exceptional lecture cum demonstration on 'Assault Across Canal' conducted in front of the entire Div. From 17 May to 27 Jun, the Bn conducted ops to flush out and neutralise terrorists belonging to Khalistan Commando Force in the Jagraon area near Ludhiana. On 07 Jun 1990, the Bn moved to Delhi for IS duties. On 20 May 1992, Lt Col R K Malhotra took command from Col IS Jhangu, who proceeded on the LDMC course.

In Aug 1992, the Bn was inducted into Sikkim's at Sherathang and Nathula under 63 Mtn Bde/17 Mtn Div. Nathula Pass, of strategic and political importance, was visited by many military and civil dignitaries besides NDC, HC, IMA, and NDA courses. Shri M H Kania, Chief Justice of India and Shri N C Bhandari, Chief Minister of Sikkim, and Gen SF Rodrigues, COAS, also visited the Bn.

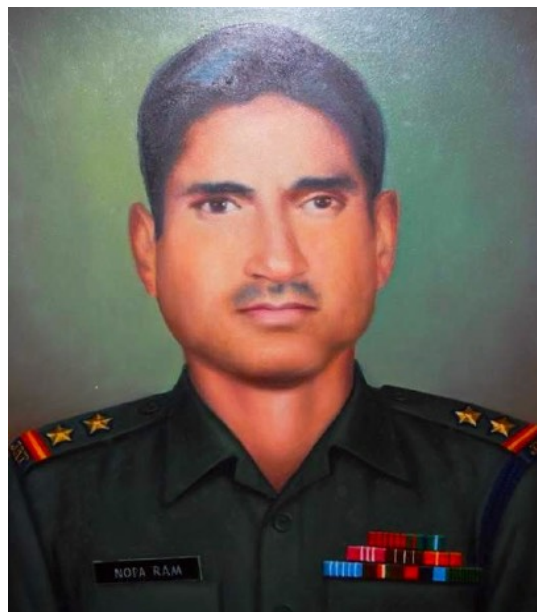
The Bn captured two Chinese soldiers astray during routine patrolling, handing them over to the Chinese bn commander on 10 Jan 1993. The Bn continued to excel in sports and professional competitions at the Div level. Besides participating in formation exercises, it successfully safeguarded its territory while maintaining a cordial relationship with the PLA. On 26 Sep 94, Col Arun Kumar took over command. On 28 Nov 1994, the Bn de-inducted and

moved to Siliguri to board the special military train for Sri Ganganagar under 15 Inf Bde/16 Inf Div. At Ganganagar, the Bn participated in various formation-level exercises and won the Boxing, Basketball, Hockey, Wrestling, Small Arms Firing, and Cross Country championships at the Div level. On 27 Nov 1996, the Bn was visited by Lt Gen H B Kala, AVSM, SC, GOC-in-C Western Command and COJR. A contingent from the unit participated in the Bicentenary Cycle Expedition carried out by the JAT Regimental Centre. The Bn celebrated its 29th, 30th and 31st Raising days in Sri Ganganagar, attended by several senior serving and retired officers and men.

On 11 Dec 1997, the Bn moved to Khreh, J&K, under 79 Mtn Bde/15 Corps. On 13 Jan 1998, Col US Bawa took over command. Bn underwent pre-induction training at Corps CI School before inducting into a CI environment in South Kashmir at Pulwama, Anantnag and Pahalgam. Ops conducted by the unit led to significant recoveries without any casualties. On night 02-03 Feb 1998, an op led by Capt DS Punia resulted in apprehending Ghulam Mohinudeen Rigoo, 'Div Cdr' of Al Barq of Pulwama and Anantnag districts. The terrorist later succumbed to injuries while helping our men recover weapons, ammunition, and warlike stores. On 31 Jul 1988, the Bn moved to the Khanabal area as reserves for Amarnath Yatra. During this period, Shri Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of J&K, visited the Bn. On 16 May 1998, the Bn again got an opportunity to host Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, GOC-in-C Western Command and COJR. On 23 May 99, while training at Naugaum, the Bn received orders to concentrate initially at East of Sonamarg and then at Dras by 25 May 99 for participation in Op Vijay. Their account of Op Vijay is given in Chapter 6.

18 JAT

When Punjab was burning during the peak of insurgency, 18 JAT moved to Ferozepur under Op RAKSHAK with the task of sealing the IB. On 12 Feb 1991, a QRT with Maj Baljit Singh, 2/Lt Sanjoy Das, Sub Nopa Ram and Sub Hardeva Ram patrolled near Malian. The QRT was split into three parties to spot a suspicious man, and Sub Nopa Ram was ordered to chase the suspected terrorist. Sub Nopa Ram followed the suspect for close to 1.5 km and finally closing-in to 10 mtr. Sub Nopa Ram was injured in the ensuing firefight.



SUB NOPA RAM, KC

Though seriously wounded, the JCO displayed undaunted courage and caught the terrorist in unarmed combat before succumbing to his injuries. Swaran Singh Sona, the self-styled area commander of 'Khalistan Commando Force - Jaffarwal', already wounded, was finally shot by Hav Radhakaran. Sub Nopa Ram was awarded the KC posthumously, and Nk Radha Karan was awarded the SM.

In May 1999, while in Bhaderwah, J&K, the unit killed two militants in joint operations with 10 RR. In Jun 1999, 18 JAT was ordered to Kargil-Batalik Sect for Op Vijay under 8 Mtn Div. Although most of the fighting ended before the Bn could join the battle, its operations are described in Chapter 6.

19 JAT

The Bn remained in Tawang since Jun 1989. In the Sulu La Log Hut Incident in Jun 1990, Maj D Shinde led the eviction of the Chinese who had made a temporary shelter. A patrol of six led by Lt Alok Jha scaled, for the first time, the formidable feature of Point 5214. A flash flood at Bomdir Transit Camp on night 02-03 May 1991 claimed 44 lives, including Hav Chhotu Ram Mahlawat and Sep Prakash Singh of the Bn. Relief ops launched that night eventually spanned over eight days with continuous rain and debris jeopardising efforts. The Bn received three COAS Commendations.

The Bn moved from Tawang to Kanpur in Jul 1991. The Bn was deployed in Punjab for Op Rakshak, initially near Ludhiana, then at Sangrur and finally in an acrylic factory at Harikishan Pura near Sangrur. They provided additional security during elections in Punjab, in their area with 350 polling booths in 191 villages.

Col NK Rampal took over as CO on the Bn's return to Kanpur in May 1992. In Dec 1992, there were riots in Kanpur, which the civil administration could not control. On requisition, the Kanpur Bde deployed at one hour's notice. While the Army's deployment reduced the rioting immediately, troops remained deployed for three weeks, often called to restore law and order in troubled areas. The locals and the civil administration appreciated the impartiality and prompt provision of relief. During this period, two coys under the 2IC were placed under another Bn in Central Kanpur.

The Bn moved to J&K under Col RK Sharma and conducted several counter-terrorist operations in the Surankote area of J&K. The Bn received one SM and four COAS Commendations. In Oct 1998, the Bn moved to Sri Ganganagar under Col Deepak Sapra, where it excelled in sports and professional competitions at the Div level.

20 JAT

From Ladakh, the Bn moved to Amritsar under 15 Inf Div in Aug 1990, and Col DR Chaudhury took over as CO. Besides having a conventional task on the IB, the Bn deployed at Verka and Taran Taran for Op Rakshak, in which they captured 30 weapons and accepted the surrender of 20 militants.

Col Pradeep Sharma took over as the fourth CO in Nov 1993. At Amritsar, the Bn conducted a seminar on Nuclear Options in the Corps Zone and wrote an SOP for 11 Corps to train in a Nuclear Environment. In Apr 1994, the Bn moved to occupy defences in the Tawang Sect under 311 Mtn Bde/2 Mtn Div and later deployed for Op Rhino in Assam. The Bn apprehended 34 ULFA militants and recovered 12 weapons in Assam. During the Monsoons that year, the Bn provided flood relief.

From Assam, the Bn moved as part of 311 Mtn Bde to Nagaland for CI ops. On 30 Aug 1995, a convoy was ambushed, killing L/Hav Diwan Chand, Sep Ratan Lal Thakur, Sep Charan Singh and Sep Kaptan Singh.

On 20 Nov 1995, the two young bns, 20 and 21, received the President's Colours from Gen Shankar Roychowdhury, the COAS, at Bareilly, which formed part of the celebrations of the bicentenary of the Regiment.

In Nov 1995, the Bn moved to Udampur under 163 Inf Bde/16 Corps. Besides the conventional tasks of a reserve Bde, they conducted Road Opening on the National Highway and CI ops under CI Force Delta. During Monsoons, when the roads were closed due to landslides, the Bn provided relief to stranded travellers on the National Highway.

Col Rishikesh Moitra took over command in May 1997. The Bn operated in Rajouri, Samba, and in North Kashmir. In Aug 1998, orders from AHQ were received for conversion of the Bn purely with Jat troops. There was both agony and disappointment in the parting of comrades. All outgoing Maratha, Dogras and Garhwalis of the Bn were interviewed. Their documents were updated before proceeding to their new units. All outgoing men were presented with accoutrements of their new Regts. The Bn received JAT troops from 10 MADRAS, 18 GARHRIF and the JRC. Moulding the incoming men from the other JAT bns into cohesive teams took little time.



COL RISHIKESH MOITRA PRESENTING ACCOUTREMENTS TO OUTGOING TROOPS

During Op Vijay, in May 1999, the Bn's orbat changed from 16 Corps to 163 Bde in 15 Corps. The Bn was thoroughly reorganised by Oct 1999 when it moved from Pattan to Trijunction on the LAC in East Sikkim.



PRESIDENT'S COLOURS RECEIVED 2/LT PG VAGHELA

21 JAT

The Bn moved to its first field location to Chushul, Ladakh, on 21 Aug 1990 under Col BS Choudhary, VSM. On 01 Sep 1991, the Bn was inducted into Siachen Glacier under Op Meghdoot. The Paltan operated in the inhospitable terrain of Siachen, frequently negotiating blizzards and avalanches. The only loss the Bn suffered in the icy heights was Sep Ashok Kumar. The Bn de-inducted to Leh under 114 Inf Bde in Apr 92.



AREA DOMINATION PATROL; AIR MAINTENANCE IN PROGRESS



CAMP LOCATION AT CENTRAL GLACIER; DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES AT FORWARD POSTS

The battle-hardening Siachen tenure was reflected in its subsequent peace tenure at Gandhi Nagar under 85 Inf Bde, when the Bn was inducted on 22 Aug 1992 under Col S S Pawar, VSM. It raised the bar in the Div level of sports and professional competitions. The tenure was an opportunity to look after the families.

The Bn moved to Nowshera Sect on 15 Oct 1995 for its first CI/LC tenure under the command of Col S Ghose, who took over Bn's reins on 13 Oct 1994. The Bn proved its mettle by undertaking numerous successful operations leading to apprehensions and recovery of arms and ammunition. On 20 Nov 1995, the Bn was presented with President's Colours, received by 2nd Lt Rajesh Gulia from then COAS Gen Shankar Roychowdhury, PVSM, ADC.

The Bn moved to Alwar, Rajasthan, on 23 Nov 1998, under the command of Col Jayesh Saini. Immediately, they began by winning the Div Ghatak competition, followed by several professional and sports competitions besides participating in formation-level exercises and field firing.



PRESIDENT'S COLOURS RECEIVED BY 2/LT RAJESH GULIA

114 Inf Bn (TA)

Col BS Bhati, SM, took over from Col SS Tanwar in Jun 1989. In Sep 1990, the Bn moved to New Bongaigaon under the 51 Sub Area. The Bn won the Central Command TA Shooting Championship. A team from the Bn went on a trek to visit Kathgodam, Kotdwar, Ranikhet, Dwarhat, Karanprayag, Pauri and Landsdowne, covering 500 km in 19 Days, for which Nb Sub Kalam Singh was awarded GOC-in-C's Commendation.

In Dec 1990, the Bn was inducted into Op Bajrang in four districts of Nalbari, Barpeta, New Bongaigaon and Kokrajhar in Assam. During these operations, the Bn recovered fake currency

amounting to over Rs 70,000 and was awarded two GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn deployed for CI ops in Badami Bagh, J&K, from Dec 1992 to Dec 1993 under Col Vijay Singh, who had commanded 4 JAT in Sri Lanka. Col RK Chauhan took over the Bn in Apr 1995. The Bn won the Overall TA Central Command Banner for three years, from 1995 to 1997. Col Chauhan was awarded the VSM.

Col Arun Kumar took over in Jan 1998 and, in May, moved the Bn to Khonmoh, East of Srinagar, J&K, under 15 Corps, employed to protect vulnerable areas. During Op Vijay in 1999, the Bn protected the vital National Highway to Zojila, Kargil and Leh. Under the leadership of Col Arun Kumar, the Bn won the COAS's Silver Trophy for being the best TA Bn twice in 1998 and 2000.

Raising of Rashtriya Rifles

In early 1988, Maj Gen R Narasimhan, ADGMO (B) at Army HQ, held a conference to discuss raising two sectors of Rashtriya Rifles by 1990. Consequently, six RR bns were raised. When insurgency erupted in J&K in 1989, regular army formations were inducted for six months to a year to combat the insurgency. However, by 1994, realising that a more significant force was needed to restore normalcy, Gen BC Joshi ordered raising thirty RR bns under ten RR Sectors on the fast track. Officers' postings to RR could be cancelled only with the approval of the Chief.

5 RR

5 RR was raised at the KUMAON Regimental Centre, Ranikhet, on 15 Oct 1990, by Col HC Sah from the Kumaon Regiment. On 31 Mar 1991, the Bn moved to Ferozepur under HQ 2 Sect RR deployed in Punjab. Initially tasked with border sealing, it was later deployed for counter-terrorism in Op Rakshak until Jan 1992. The Bn assisted the civil administration in the conduct of general elections. On 28 Feb 1993, in an Op in Tarn Taran, the Bn killed the militant Baba Gurbachan Singh Manochal. With normalcy returning to Punjab and the situation deteriorating in J&K, 2 Sect with its three bns moved into the Kashmir Valley under 8 Mtn Div. In Aug 1993, Col NS Tomar from 1/3 GR took over command. Initially deployed in South Kashmir, the Bn moved in Aug 1994 to Anantnag District in Acchabal, Kapran, up to Lidder Valley east of the National Highway 1A.

Col Sunil Arora from Jammu & Kashmir Rifles took command in May 1995. Until 1996, the Bn eliminated several local and foreign militants and succeeded in keeping the area incident-free during elections. The local MLA elected in 1996 was Dr Farooq Abdullah, the Chief Minister. The Bn was awarded GOC-in-C Northern Command Unit Appreciation on 15 Jan 1997, with Col Subhash Bhan from the Armoured Corps taking over in the same month. On 01 Sep 1998, the Bn was located at Budgam and moved to Isodur, Chadoora, an area with a sizeable minority population. On 25 Jan 1998, the town of Wandhama, near Ganderbal, witnessed the massacre of 23 Hindus. During this decade, the Bn was awarded one SC, thirteen SMs, sixteen COAS and fifteen GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn suffered twenty-three battle casualties in CI ops during this decade.

34 RR

34 RR was raised on 01 Sep 1994 at JAT RC, Bareilly, by Col RJS Dhillon, YSM, of 6 PARA, as part of 12 Sect RR, with troops of the RAJ RIF, the Jat Regiment and all other arms and services. After pre-induction training, the Bn was inducted into the Budgam District in May 1995. Col Dhillon, YSM, who commanded up to Mar 1997, was awarded the VSM. Col SCS

Pathania, of 3/9 GR, took over up to May 1999 and was awarded the SM and Vishisht Seva Medal. Major operations of 34 RR are given in the succeeding paragraphs.



A SEARCH OP IN PROGRESS IN THE KASHMIR VALLEY

Based on intelligence, the Bn learned about a terrorist hideout in the Nagini forest in May 1996. During the search, terrorists opened fire and Maj RS Dhaliwal sustained a gunshot wound. Despite his injury, Maj Dhaliwal supervised the operations and eliminated eight terrorists.

On 12 Aug 1996, Maj KM Balasubramaniam learnt of terrorists hiding in a house in village Raiyar Yechh. The officer rushed with a coy column and cordoned the house. While leading the house entry, the officer shot and killed one terrorist, just as another terrorist fired and wounded the officer. Maj Balasubramaniam crawled and lobbed a grenade into the adjoining room. Finding the terrorist still alive and firing, the officer shot the second terrorist before succumbing to his injuries. Maj Balasubramaniam was awarded the KC.

Based on intelligence, an operation was launched in village Keechbal on 08 Sep 1997. Four foreign terrorists were eliminated in this operation led by Maj JS Shekhawat, who was awarded the SC.

Based on accurate intelligence about terrorists in the village Latuna, an op was launched by five coys on 21 Sep 1997. The Bn eliminated fourteen terrorists in the ensuing firefight. On night 02-03 Feb 1998, Maj IJ Singh cordoned village Chak Dewan Lakhiman. The following day, after searching the complete village, the house of one suspect, Reshid Ganai, was searched again, digging to find a hideout. Fire drawn from the hiding terrorists injured Hav MA Khan. In the ensuing firefight, four terrorists of LeT, including the district commander, were killed. Maj IJ Singh was awarded the SC.

During Op Vijay, 34 RR was deployed on the Pir Panjal Range and returned to Qasba Biru on 31 Jul 1999. The move upset the Intelligence grid established earlier. A group of six or seven

terrorists attacked the Bn HQ on 12/13 Aug 1999. Sub Maj Ram Pal Singh, from 9 JAT, was killed along with one OR in this attack. Two terrorists were killed, while the rest escaped.

In the 1990s, 34 RR eliminated 93 terrorists in their area. 34 RR personnel received three Kirti Chakras, three SCs, six SMs, two Vishisht Seva Medals and several Commendations.

Unit Citation and Appreciation

During the decade 1990s, the following bns were awarded Unit Citations/Appreciations:-

1996	4 JAT	COAS
	3 JAT	GOC-in-C
	8 JAT	GOC-in-C
1997	7 JAT	GOC-in-C
	9 JAT	GOC-in-C
	5 RR	GOC-in-C
	34 RR	GOC-in-C
1998	7 JAT	COAS
	9 JAT	GOC-in-C
	34 RR	COAS
1999	17 JAT	COAS

Chapter 6

OP VIJAY 1999

State of Militancy in J&K

After the successful elections in 1996, a popular régime governed J&K, and the situation continued to improve. This gradual return to normalcy upset Pakistan's covert plans to annex J&K. Gen Pervez Musharraf perceived that the coalition government in India was weak and indecisive at that time. They appreciated that it was an opportune time to escalate their proxy war in J&K, which seemed to be losing steam.

Pakistan felt that the development of nuclear weapons neutralised the Indian superiority in conventional forces. However, they also knew that the World Powers would not allow an all-out war between the two nuclear power states. In any case, they felt that they would gain by internationalising the Kashmir issue.

In J&K, the focus of 15 Corps had been on counter-terrorist ops in the Valley. Since Ladakh and Kargil were comparatively peaceful, a Bde of 3 Inf Div was moved to the Valley for short periods during summers, which was the campaigning season even on the LC in Kargil and Ladakh.

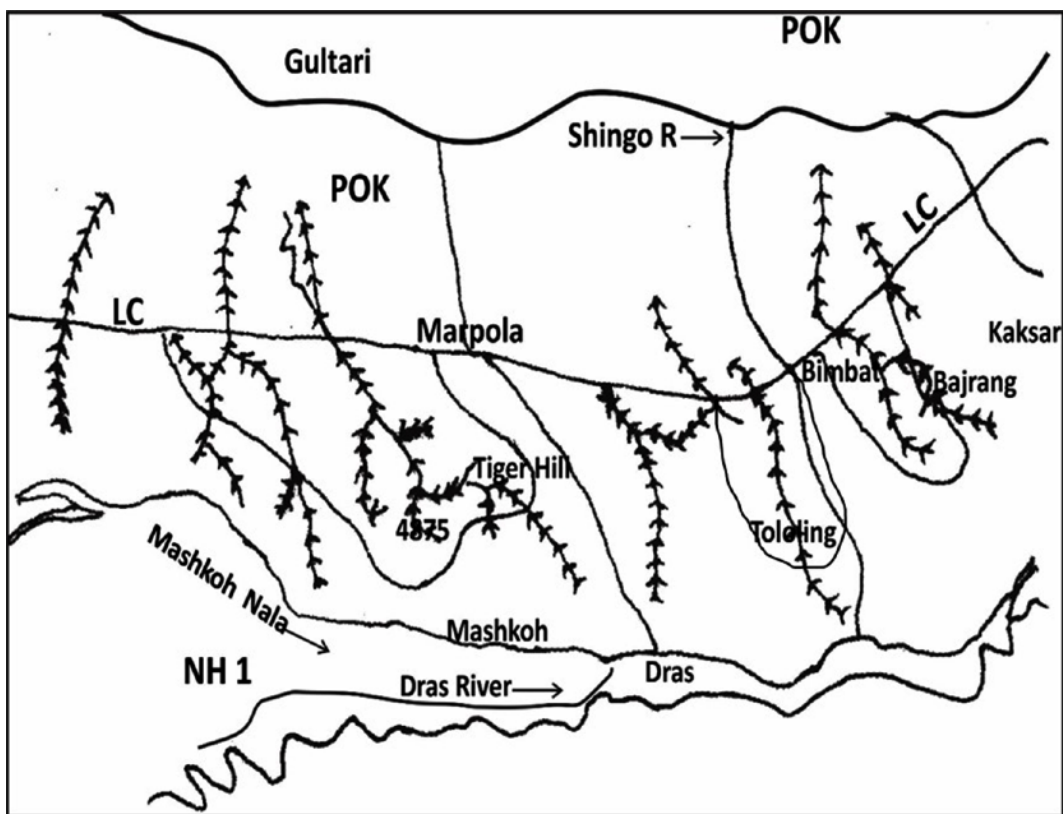
An Inf Bde group held the Kargil sector under the Leh Division. Even with its four infantry bns, there were significant gaps in the LC posture. Many defended localities were vacated in winter to minimise casualties due to severe winters. During winters, weather permitting, the Army Aviation flew sorties to keep the LC and adjoining areas under 'constant' surveillance.

Zojila Pass on the Great Himalayan Range was closed due to snow from mid-Nov to about mid-May every year. The entire Ladakh and Kargil sectors were connected only by air during winter. A pattern for many years is well known in Pakistan.

Taking advantage of the perfunctory domination of the LC in the winter months, Pakistani troops intruded across the LC. They occupied a few strategic heights in the Kargil and Turtuk Sectors in early 1999. The intrusions in the Dras Sect could interdict the National Highway 1A, thus severing the lifeline to Kargil and Ladakh. Pakistan hoped effective interdiction would severely reduce the capability of the Indian formations in this region, which could then be defeated over time. Occupation of the heights in Kargil would also enable Pakistan to induct militants into the Kashmir Valley from the East over the Great Himalayan Range.

Initial Reactions

Pakistani intrusions were first detected on 03 May 1999 in the Batalik Sect. By 14 May, all intrusions had been identified over the entire sector. See Sketch 1. On 14 May, Shri George Fernandes, the Raksha Mantri, visited Kargil and was briefed by the Army and Corps Commanders. Pakistan denied responsibility for the intrusions stating that these were 'freedom fighters' fighting for the independence of Kashmir. Later, these intruders were found to be Pakistani regulars of the Northern Light Infantry. Once the seriousness of the threat was realised, formations were redeployed quickly to evict the intruders. Additional resources were moved to the Kargil Sect. High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) teams were inducted to assist.



SKETCH 1. THE DRAS SECT

The Armed Forces mobilised over the entire Western Front for war with Pakistan. The IAF conducted recce and strikes using fighters and helicopters. However, the presence of hand-held AD missiles prevented close recce by the IAF. The Mirage 2000 aircraft launched attacks from high altitudes using precision-guided munitions (PGMs). On the northern border, the IAF flew continuous missions within its airspace, hoping that some PAF aircraft would come within range of their BVR (Beyond Visual Range) missiles. However, the PAF did not fly anywhere within range of the Indian interceptors, even within Pakistani airspace.

In Dras and Batalik Sectors, the heights were recaptured by 11 Jul. 50 (I) Para Bde continued clearing other heights up to the LC. By 05 Jul, Pakistan's Prime Minister had announced his intention to withdraw all its troops and irregulars, but the Indian formations continued their attacks till the entire area was recaptured.

Accounts of the JAT bns that fought in Op Vijay are given in this chapter. In the following narrative, all dates are 1999 unless otherwise stated.

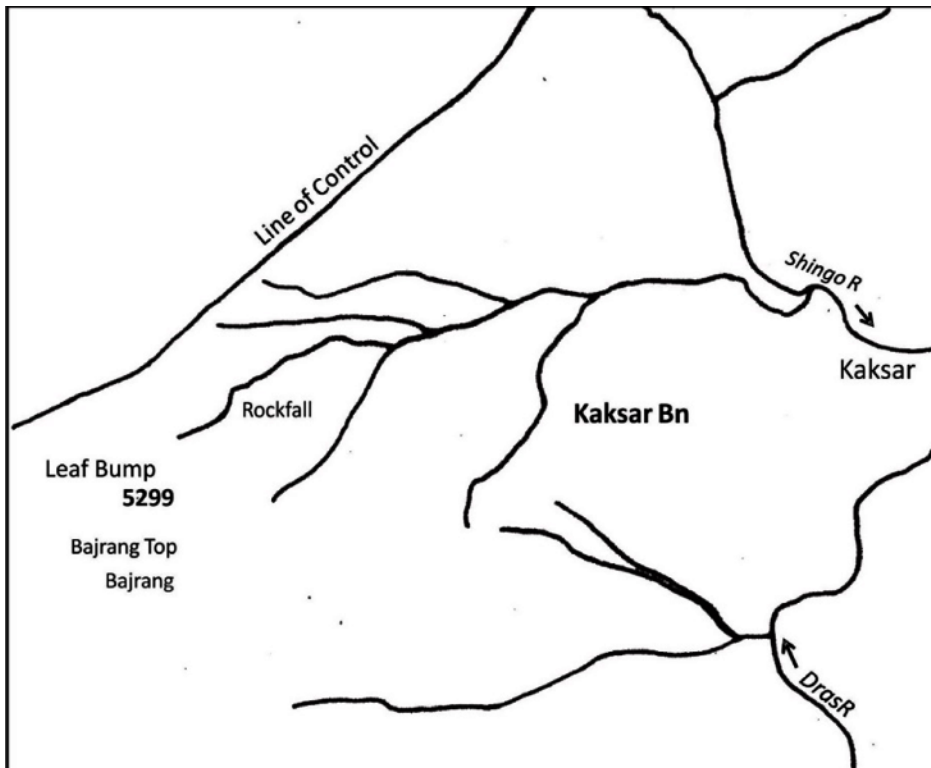
4 JAT

4 JAT reached Kargil on 26 Jun 1998. The induction and familiarisation took place under enemy fire. The initial deployment was A Coy at Dalunang, B Coy at Pt 4717, C Coy at Pt 5299, D Coy at Pt 4305 and UN Saddle. The exchange of fire across the LC was sporadic but regular throughout the year, with casualties and damage suffered by both sides. The movement of convoys was only at night.

Col MS Kukshal took over in Dec 1998. Lt Saurabh Kalia joined the Bn on 27 Jan 1999, on commissioning. In Jan, one Pakistani helicopter violated the Indian airspace over Kaksar but

retreated quickly. While cross-LC firing continued, on orders of the formation, the Bajrang post was vacated on 02 Mar. Maj Gen VS Budhwar, the GOC, visited the Bn on 17 Apr; the GOC rejected the CO's recommendation of reoccupying Bajrang Post at Point 5299 since it was the policy to avoid winter casualties. The Div HQ confirmed the GOC's decision on 03 May. In May, the intensity of firing increased. The enemy kept interdicting the National Highway from their posts. On 12 May, the locals vacated Kaksar North of the National Highway to Leh. At the time, Col Kukshal was away on short leave. See Sketch 4.

At 1015 hrs on 14 May, Lt Saurabh Kalia led a six-man patrol to Spur. There was no communication with the patrol after 1430 hrs on the same day. See Sketch 2.



SKETCH 2. SHOWING AREA OF BAJRANG IN KAKSAR BN

On the same day, Lt Amit Bhardwaj led a search patrol of two JCOs and 30 OR at 1830 hrs. The patrol observed and reported some enemy soldiers on the spur of Bajrang and moved towards them. There was an exchange of fire from South West Spur in which Lt Amit Bhardwaj, Hav Rajbir and Sep Lakhan Singh sustained gunshot wounds. The survivors withdrew but could not retrieve casualties due to effective enemy fire.

On 16 May, the officiating CO learned that one jawan had been killed and nine OR wounded in action on Bajrang Post. A patrol sent to retrieve the casualties could bring back only four OR. On 17 May, the patrol of Lt Kalia was declared missing. Col MS Kukshal rejoined from leave on 22 May.

On 23 May, a patrol comprising Lt Col V Subbiah, Maj Rajesh Sethi, 02 JCOs and 15 OR was sent to Rockfall. From Rockfall, several smaller patrols were sent out. On 02 Jun, Maj V Shekhawat sustained a splinter injury. On 06 Jun, a patrol led by Maj Sethi moved to Pt 5299 top. Around that time, the Bn received a Milan ATGM launcher. Maj J Vetrichelvan, a low

medical category officer serving outside the unit, volunteered to join the Bn. Capt A Sobti, the RMO, was wounded by a mortar splinter in Jun but refused evacuation.

In Jun, the Bn commenced preparations to recapture features in its area. Teams under Maj R Sethi and Capt R Ghosh practised rock climbing and mountain warfare while the Bn carried out recce and planning for the attack. Small officer-led teams would attack objectives simultaneously from multiple directions. A GARHWAL SCOUTS team was attached to the Bn.

On 09 Jun, the mortal remains of the brave men of Lt Saurabh's patrol were handed over by Pakistani troops at Indian Post 43, a regular point for flag meetings between Indian and Pakistani soldiers in the Kargil Sect on the Shingo River in a neighbouring Bn area.

On 23 Jun, Sub Pusa Ram killed four enemy soldiers at Pt 5299. He occupied a position on 5299 Spur, later named Pusa Post after him. This dominating position facilitated the killing of five more enemy soldiers on 26 Jun. Maj Rajesh Sethi similarly established a post on 30 Jun to deploy crew-served weapons. The Bn prepared for attack. Troops carried out recce and familiarisation. Objectives were registered with arty. The CO led teams under Maj R Sethi, Capt R Ghosh, Capt P Sunil Kumar and Capt Dharamvir to Rockfall on 11 Jul. On 12 Jul, all teams moved to their launch areas. While Lt Col V Subbiah moved to the firebase to coordinate fire support, the CO moved to a vantage point.

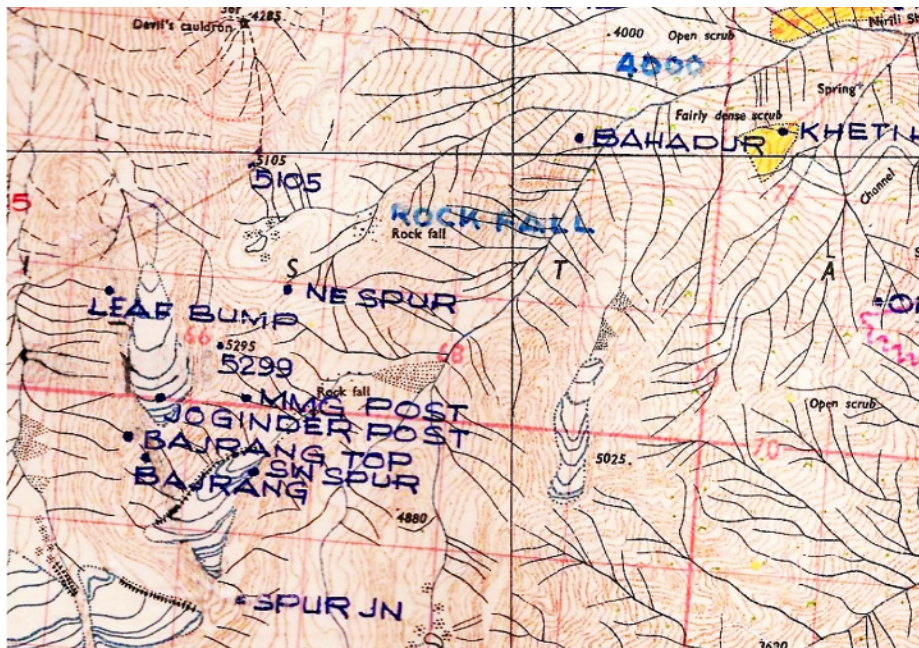


COL KUKSHAL WITH TROOPS ON PT 5299: 18 JUN 1999

Attacks were launched as planned, clearing Spur Junction and adjoining areas by the last-light 12 Jul. The enemy had left booby traps and mines on spurs and nalas. On 13 Jul, 4 JAT captured South West Spur, Bajrang Top and Leaf Bump. See Sketch 3.

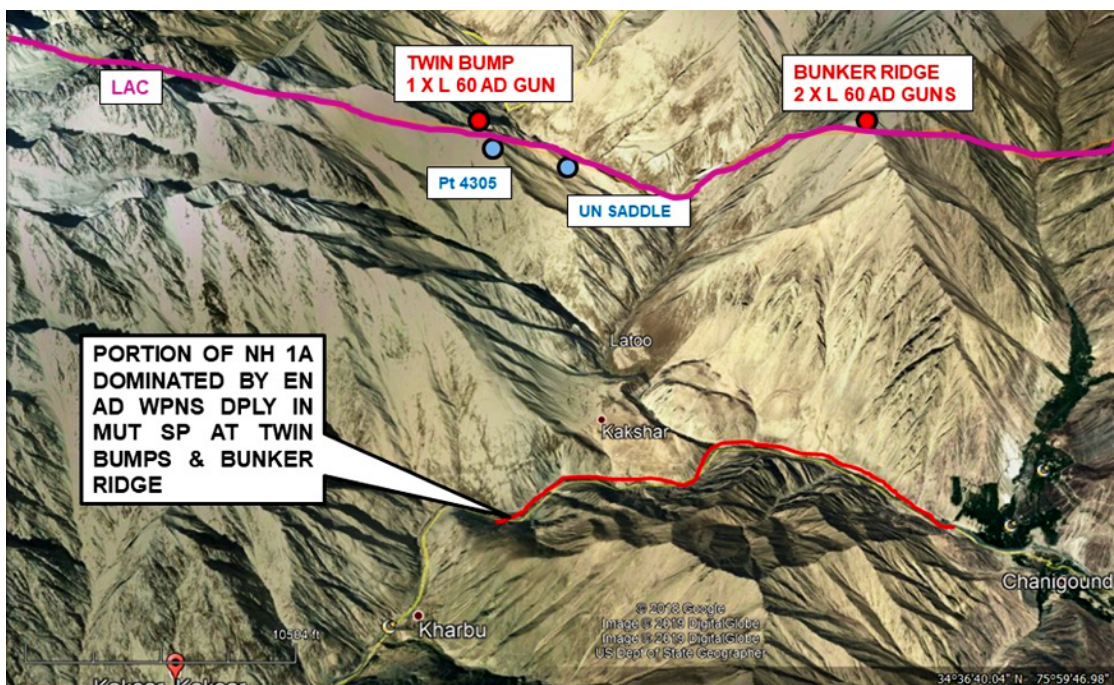


AFTER THE CAPTURE OF BAJRANG POST 13 JUL 1999



SKETCH 3. AREA OF OPERATIONS OF 4 JAT IN OP VIJAY

On 13 Jul, the mortal remains of Lt Amit Bhardwaj and Hav Rajvir were recovered with their weapons. The next day, a foul smell led to the discovery of some chemicals suspected to be chemical weapons. A new post was established at Leaf Bump on 15 Jul.



SKETCH 4. KAKSAR AREA SHOWING POSITIONS OF UN SADDLE AND BUNKER RIDGE, WHERE ONE PAKISTANI L 60 AD GUN WAS DESTROYED

Cross-LC firing continued even after the withdrawal of the Pakistanis to their side of the LC. They brought three L 60 AD guns to Twin Bump and Bunker Ridge features and used them to interdict a vulnerable stretch of the National Highway. Maj Rajesh Sethi, deployed at UN Saddle, could not neutralise the enemy guns on Bunker Ridge with integral weapons since the guns were emplaced in bunkers, 4,000 ft higher and about five km away. Despite objections by the AD crew and the CO, Maj Rajesh Sethi himself fired an IGLA AD missile to try and knock out a gun on Bunker Ridge. The Infra-Red homing missile found the bunker, which possibly had a stove burning. The sympathetic detonation of the ammunition in the bunker destroyed the gun. See Sketch 4.

For some time, the Pakistanis stopped firing on the National Highway. The Bde Cdr praised 4 JAT for its role in the Kargil war, including recapturing the features and destruction of the AD gun. Strengthening and improvement of defences followed, as well as preparations for the coming winter. Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, COJR, visited 4 JAT on 22 Sep. The Bn moved out of the sector in Aug 2000.

The Bn accomplished all its missions with the loss of two officers, one JCO and twenty OR killed in action and several wounded. The Bn was awarded one SM, one M-in-D and five GOC-in-C Commendations.



LT SAURABH KALIA

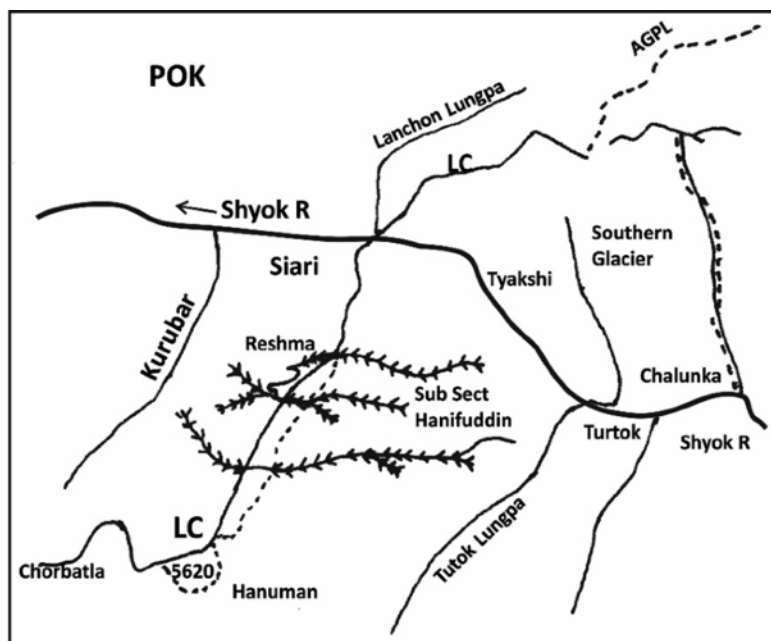


CAPT AMIT BHARDWAJ

12 JAT

12 JAT, under Col Samir Bisaria, had moved from Binnaguri to Sub Sect West, astride the Shyok River, in Aug 1998. The Bn occupied a few posts over 18,000 ft in Op Meghdoot. (See Sketch 5)

The Bn reported an abnormal increase in enemy helicopter activity in the last week of Apr. An LC patrol was sent on 01 May, under Lt Prateek Prashar, through waist-deep snow.



SKETCH 5. SUB SECT WEST OR THE TURTUK SUB SECT



CLIMBING FOR OCCUPYING FEATURES

On 06 May, when the patrol was climbing a height south of Shyok River, it came under heavy automatic fire from three features. The patrol withdrew by skilful fire and movement. However, L/Nk Khadag Singh sustained two bursts of UMG, becoming the first casualty of Op Vijay.

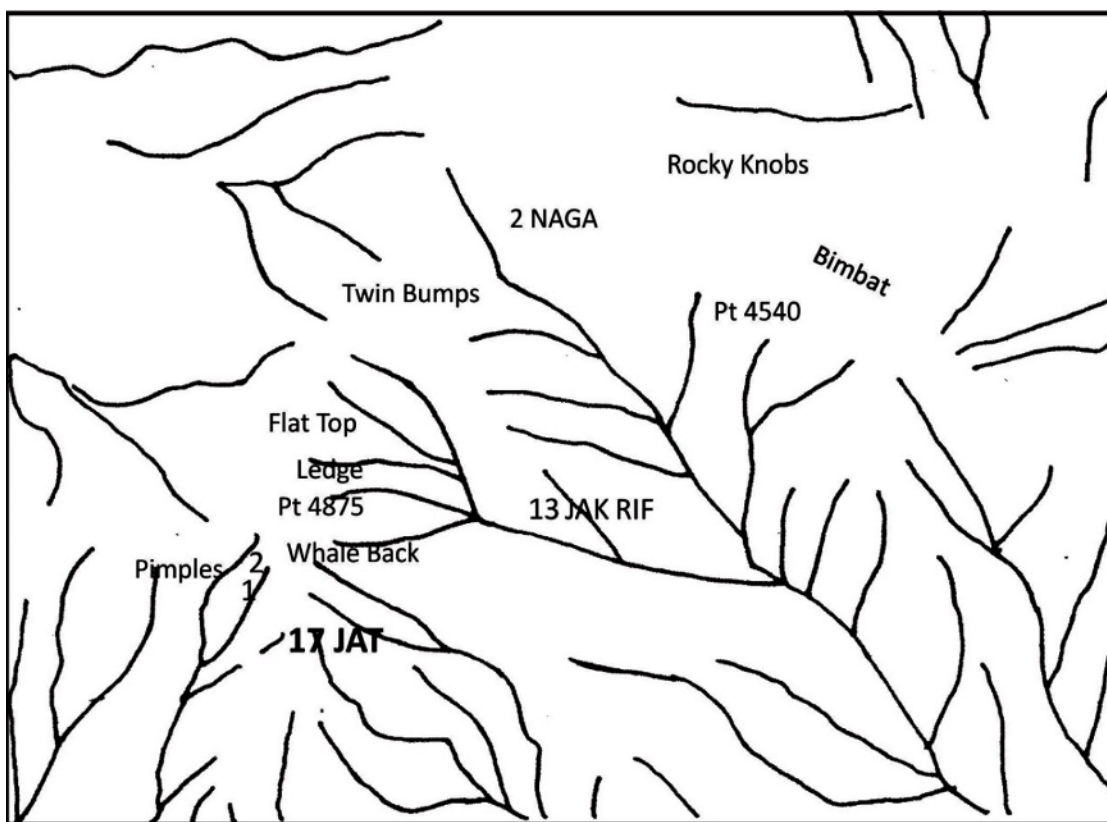
The Bn's detection of enemy troops and subsequent occupation of a few critical heights prevented the Pakistanis from occupying the ridge line across the LC in strength. The Bn recovered Pakistani arms and ammunition in the Turtuk sector. It suffered the loss of three JCOs, and three OR (Nb Sub Rajbir Singh, Sub Gardari Lal, Nb Sub Gulzar Singh, LNK Vijaya Kumar Shukla, LNK Khadag Singh and Sep Pawan Kumar) killed in action and several wounded. 12 JAT was awarded one SM (P), one M-in-D and two COAS Commendations.

Later, three additional Bns were launched to evict the enemy. The sector was named Sub Sect Hanifuddin (SSH) after Lt Hanifuddin of the RAJ RIF, who was killed in action during the operations against the enemy. See Sketch 5.

17 JAT

The Bn was part of 79 Mtn Bde when it was inducted into the Dras sector with Col US Bawa in command. The Bn was tasked to capture Pt 4875. To clear the approach to the formidable feature, it had first to clear Pt 4540.

Pt 4540 was approximately 3.5 km North of National Highway 1A, dominated by Tiger Hill and Pt 4875. Maj DS Punia (B Coy) reconnoitred the feature on 27 May 1999, revealing the absence of well-prepared field fortifications.



SKETCH 6. AREA OF OPERATIONS OF 17 JAT IN OP VIJAY

Accordingly, B Coy attacked Pt 4540 from the South the next night. The Coy encountered heavy automatic fire and a fierce exchange did not deter its advance. B Coy occupied Pt 4540 by 0100 hrs 29 May as the enemy withdrew to area Rocky Knob. A recce patrol reported one sangar at Rocky Knobs. See Sketch 6.

On the night of 30/31 May, Sub Harphool Singh (4 Platoon of B Coy) advanced to Rocky Knob. 200m short of the objective, the troops came under effective fire from seven sangars. Number 4 Platoon destroyed a sangar, but Sub Harphool Singh and five OR were killed in action, and nine OR were wounded. The Platoon was ordered to withdraw to Pt 4540.

GOC 8 Mtn Div decided to carry out further attacks only after gaining detailed information and making complete preparations. The Division prioritised capturing the Tololing Complex, which dominated the National Highway 1A more effectively. Operations and exploitation up to Pt 5410 on the same feature were carried out in Jun. Meanwhile, additional information was gained by the Div during Jun, while 17 JAT improved its mountaineering skills.

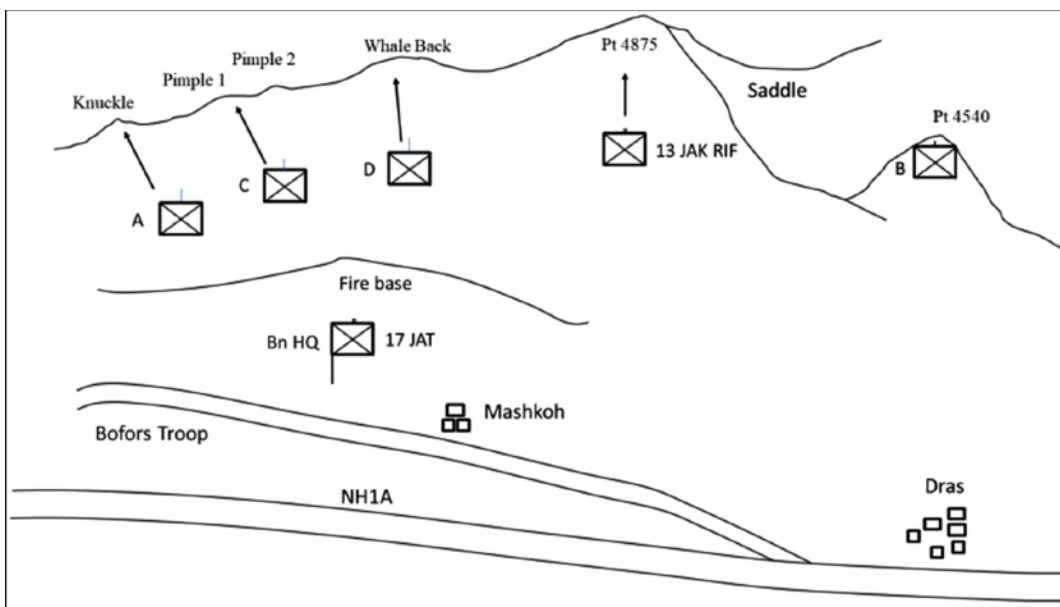
After learning that approximately one Coy of the enemy held Pt 4875 complex, it was decided that the entire 79 Mtn Bde would attack it. As part of the Bde, 17 JAT was to capture the Pimple Complex. See Sketch 6.



17 JAT MOVING FOR ATTACK

The operations commenced in Jul. Using a difficult but unexpected approach, commando teams of the Bn secured two enemy early warning posts by 2100 hrs on 04 Jul, achieving complete surprise. A platoon of A Coy under Maj RK Singh linked up with the Commando Team at Knuckle. This Platoon established a firm base for further attack.

Pimple 1 was captured by two platoons supported by arty and MMG fire, under Capt Rajesh Venugopal EME and Sub Om Prakash, simultaneously along two approaches forcing the enemy to withdraw to Pimple 2. At the same time, D Coy under Maj Deepak Rampal launched a two-pronged attack on Whale Back with platoons under Capt Shamsher, AOC, along Left Spur and under Sub Bhaboot Ram on Right Spur. After fierce fighting, Whale Back was captured by 0400 hrs on 05 Jul. The enemy survivors withdrew to Pimple 2. D Coy repulsed three counterattacks after that. See Sketch 7.



*SKETCH 7. SHOWING AREA OF OPERATIONS OF 17 JAT.
(SKETCH DRAWN BY LT COL DINESH KUMAR, ASC, ATTACHED WITH 17 JAT, DURING OP VIJAY)*

At 2000 hrs on 06 Jul, C Coy under Maj Ritesh Sharma commenced advance under the enemy's heavy arty and mortar shelling. Capt Anuj Nayyar took charge of C Coy's attack on Pimple 2 when Maj Ritesh sustained splinter injuries at 2300 hrs. By 0200 hrs on 07 Jul, Capt Anuj Nayyar cleared three enemy bunkers by lobbing grenades and directing 84 mm RL fire.

C Coy halted its advance by encountering heavy arty and MG fire from the enemy. At 0700 hrs, Capt Anuj Nayyar made a final attempt to clear the fourth bunker in daylight. The Coy came under heavy arty, Mortar, MG and sniper fire in which the brave officer, Capt Anuj Nayyar, sustained fatal injuries. The enemy now launched a counterattack. Despite the momentary loss of command and control due to the loss of the coy commander and wounding of two leading platoon commanders, Capt SB Ghildiyal, the forward observation officer, brought down accurate arty and mortar fire on the enemy, helping in repulsing the counterattack.

At 1300 hrs on 08 Jul, Maj RK Singh from Pimple 1 and a platoon under Maj Deepak Rampal from Whale Back launched a two-pronged attack to capture it at 1500 hrs on 08 Jul. Thus, 17 JAT accomplished its mission completely. See Sketch 7.

On the features captured, the Bn found 22 enemy soldiers killed, including one young officer and a Subedar of 12 NLI of the Pakistan Army. A large number of weapons, munitions and Pakistani documents were recovered. 17 JAT was awarded COAS Unit Citation on the spot. They received one Maha Vir Chakra, four Vir Chakras, six SMs, twenty M-in-IDs, one COAS Commendation and six GOC-in-C Commendations. 17 JAT was awarded the Battle Honour 'Mashkoh' and Theatre Honour 'Kargil'.



CAPT ANUJ NAYAR, MVC



OFFICERS AND MEN OF 17 JAT (COL US BAWA IN THE CENTRE) WITH CAPTURED WEAPONS.



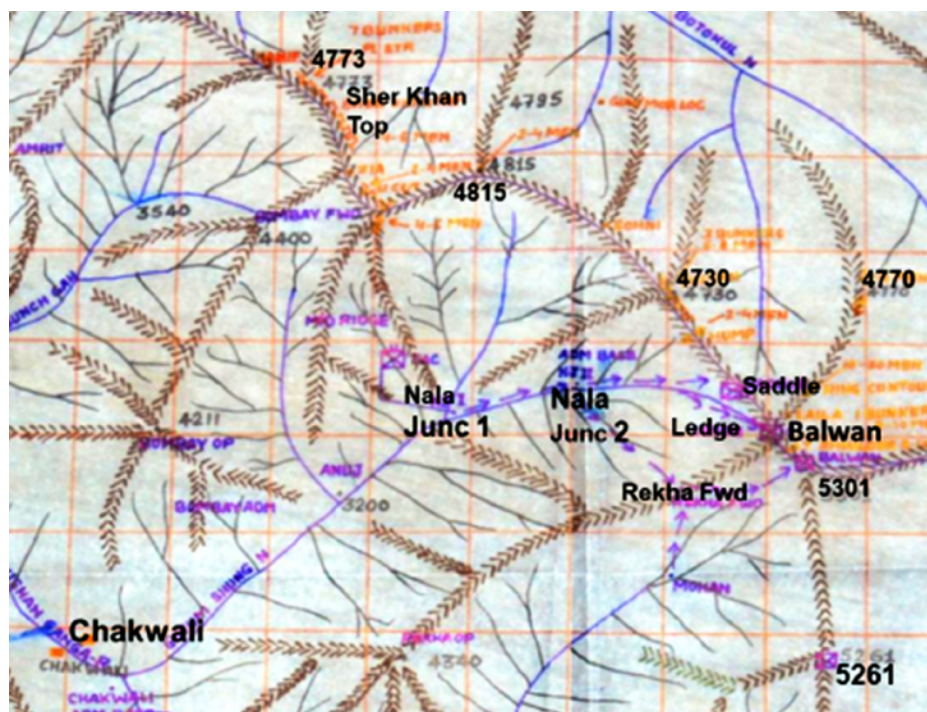
VICTORIOUS 17 JAT



COL US BAWA, VRC AND SUB MAJ LAL SINGH RECEIVING THE COAS UNIT CITATION

After Op Vijay, 17 JAT was de-inducted to the Valley and was deployed for counter-infiltration tasks in Kalaroos, Machil Sect, Kupwara. During these ops, Maj Ritesh Sharma was killed in action in the area of Tut Mari Gali.

8 JAT



SKETCH 8. SHOWING AREA OF OPERATIONS OF 8 JAT

During the winter of 1998-99, the Bn under Col R Suresh was deployed at two ends of the Gurez Bde over 100 km apart for counter-infiltration. In Apr, the Bn was tasked to occupy a new bn defended area at Chakwali (3200 mtr) at the eastern end of the Kupwara Div Sect. Detailed preparations for taking up defences were made. However, on 23 May, 8 JAT was tasked to capture a height called Sher Khan Top on the LC, which was on the watershed (near Pt 4773). See Sketch 8.

Initially, the Bn was informed that the feature had four or five enemy soldiers. However, a recce on 25 May revealed that the enemy had occupied the entire LC Ridge in strength. The southern slopes of the LC Ridge were sheer cliffs, the most gentle being 80 degrees. This task was given up.

On 23 Jun, 8 JAT was tasked to secure Pt 5261 Complex, which is about 1.5 km short of the LC. Capt PJ Singh and 12 OR of the Ghatak Platoon were helicopter-lifted and dropped at the base of Pt 5261 on the night of 24/25 Jun 99. The feature was occupied at 1400 hrs on 25 Jun. Due to a sudden increase in altitude from 3200m to 5261m, three jawans suffered from High Altitude Pulmonary Oedema (HAPO) and were evacuated. The rest firmed in.



8 JAT CLIMB TO LC RIDGE

The next task to 8 JAT was to establish a foothold on the LC Ridge between Pt 4730 and Left Shoulder (shown as Balwan in Sketch 10). Two field batteries and one troop of Bofors medium guns were placed in support, but the Bn got no battery commander or Forward Observation Officers to provide close support. The CO and his 'R' Group carried out a ground recce on 29 Jun. The Bn formed three small groups of highly trained persons.

Maj BS Mankotiya, two JCOs and twenty OR formed the first group. At 1730 hrs on 01 Jul, they left the Base at Chakwali and reached Nala Junction 1 at 2030 hrs. The next night they moved up to Nala Junction 2 and occupied Ledge by 0430 hrs 03 Jul.

The second group comprising Lt Anuj Mehta, one JCO and twenty OR followed, deployed short of Ledge to bring down mortar fire on Pt 4730, from where the enemy was bringing down effective fire on the First Group. Lt Mehta, with the second group, climbed up to the LC Ridge and occupied Saddle by mid-morning on 03 Jul, being provided fire support by the first group. Both groups came under fire from Pt 4730 and Pt 4770, the latter being to the north. No move was possible during the day.

At night both groups dug in. Meanwhile, the third group under Maj S Pandey moved up to reach Saddle by 2200 hrs 03 Jul. The third group extended their hold towards Pt 4730 by occupying a platoon-defended locality. By now, the Coy had ammunition and rations for three days. Casualty evacuation was slow due to the gradient. The men consolidated their positions under enemy fire.

Maj OJR Reddy, SM, had established a fire base at Rekha Forward to neutralise the enemy post of Left Shoulder, marked Balwan on Sketch 8. The firebase comprised two MMGs, two AGLs, one ATGM detachment of 1 GUARDS and two 84 mm RLs. The 84 mm RLs air burst ammunition was the most effective. With Maj OJR Reddy, SM, there were two Ghatak sections of D Coy, with one Section under Lt Kehar Singh and the other under Hav Sis Ram Gill. On 04 Jul, Lt Kehar Singh's section and one MMG detachment moved forward and occupied a position between Ledge and the enemy at Left Shoulder.

The second Ghatak section under Hav Sis Ram Gill approached Left Shoulder from the South East. The NCO led the Section and negotiated a near-vertical cliff to surprise the enemy completely. By accurate RL and Sniper fire, Hav Sis Ram Gill killed six enemy soldiers, including their commander, at Left Shoulder. The enemy reacted with accurate arty and mortar fire on the advancing troops killing three jawans and injuring the bold NCO, Hav Sis Ram Gill. However, the NCO continued to advance and motivate his men despite grievously wounded. The depleted section occupied a feature 300m from Left Shoulder. This point was approximately 20m higher and dominated Left Shoulder and its maintenance route. The feature is now called Balwan Post. Hav Sis Ram Gill was awarded the VrC posthumously.

The CO moved to the captured positions and recommended re-siting defences to avoid an avalanche-prone area. Despite differences with the formation commanders, the defences were re-sited as recommended by the CO. Lt Manmohan Singh, with three sections, reinforced Balwan Post by 2200 hrs 07 Jul. A prisoner's interrogation and radio intercepts indicated that the enemy's losses at Balwan included one officer, two JCOs, and about 25 enemy soldiers. On 10 Jul, Capt SPS Rautela, the Adjutant, reinforced the position at Balwan with an ad hoc section. The Bn had captured the objectives wearing jungle boots. The inclement weather and inadequate clothing led to 47 cases of cold injuries. The Bn received one VrC, one SM and six GOC-in-C Commendations. After de-induction, the Bn was deployed for counter-infiltration in Panzgam under 68 Inf Bde.

The exploits of 8 JAT - though they received minimum media coverage - were equally impressive. It was a formidable challenge for an unacclimatised bn to scale heights over 18000 ft - many a time with the help of expedients - and attack the enemy in wait for you. However, the JATs did it by pouncing on him from an unexpected direction. Four men lost their lives in the op. Hav Sis Ram Gill was awarded VrC posthumously for leading the first assault. For the next month, the JATs doggedly hung on to their small foothold, with the enemy unleashing one foray after another to dislodge them.

18 JAT

18 JAT, a part of 8 Mtn Div, was tasked to oversee the construction of accommodation at Bhalra in the Bhaderwah Sect. When the Div moved for Op Vijay, 18 JAT moved to the Kargil Sect. Earmarked as a reserve for 56 Mtn Bde, the Bn reached Zojila pass on 01 Jul.

When 18 JAT moved to the Batalik sector as a reserve for 3 Mtn Div on 11 Jul, all fighting had ended in the Kargil Sect. The Bn constructed shelters at Achinathanag, now an administrative base in Batalik Sect. On 03 Oct, Col Jai Gopal assumed command of 18 JAT.

Postscript

In Kargil, Pakistan gained nothing but embarrassment. While Nawaz Sharif feigned ignorance of the Army's plans, General Musharraf had a different story. The tiff between the two had a predictable end. The General seized power in a dramatic coup in Oct 1999. Pakistan was doomed to suffer Army rule once again. The Indian Army decided to hold the LC in strength throughout the year. Replying with punitive actions to transgressions by the enemy became the norm, despite the holding of nuclear weapons by both nations.

Lt Gen HB Kala, COJR, arranged detailed presentations of 4, 8 and 17 JAT ops during the annual JORA meet in Nov 1999 at JAT RC, Bareilly. In the "Volume of Important Articles Published in the JATVEERs", 2000, published by The Infantry (India), he writes,

"The war is long over. But it has proved that we have the best Army in the world. Our victory is a tribute to our leadership and our soldiers alike. It is, however, the Young Officer who deserves our eternal gratitude. He led his men with elan, cold courage and total selflessness. He ventured into places where the only reward was sure death. We salute him. Long lives the tribe of young officers. As long as we have such valiant and fiercely patriotic young men in our midst, our nation's future is safe."

Chapter 7

First Decade of the New Millennium - Focus J&K

The Scenario

Though India won a resounding victory in the Kargil heights in 1999, the situation in the Kashmir Valley slid back several years. The redeployments of 8 Mtn Div and shifting of RR units weakened the Intelligence and CI grid established in 1994-95. Pakistan stepped up its proxy war in J&K.

The Indian Army raised a new HQ called 'CI Force Kilo' and a few additional RR Bns, which took time to be effective. In the Jat Regiment, two additional RR Bns were raised, namely 45 and 61. The Intelligence organisations estimated the presence of 3,000 to 3,500 terrorists in J&K during the summer months every year. Although security forces neutralised approximately 1,500 to 2,000 terrorists annually in the initial years, replacements either infiltrated across the LC or were recruited within J&K to keep the pot boiling.

Pakistan's proxy war peaked from 2000 to 2004. The terrorists attacked the Indian Parliament on 13 Dec 2001, which led to the rapid deployment of the Indian Armed Forces for punitive action against Pakistan. However, when war seemed imminent, President Pervez Musharraf announced on 12 Jan 2002 that Pakistan would not allow its territory to be used to promote terrorism. There was a marked reduction in terrorist-related incidents in J&K in the next few months.

However, over time, terrorism increased once again. When the Armed Forces commenced preparations to strike again, President Musharraf made another such announcement on 27 May 2002, after which terrorist activities were curbed again. The threat of Indian punitive action helped rein in the adversary. However, infiltration and terrorism increased manifold with the announcement of the J&K elections of 2002 and the referendum in Pakistan on 12 Oct 2002.

Shri Omar Abdullah's National Conference lost the 2002 Assembly Elections and chose to remain in the opposition. A coalition government was formed in J&K. Terrorism continued to increase in the next few years. On 24 Mar 2003, 24 Hindu men, women and children were massacred in Anantnag District. Pakistani terrorists carried out suicide attacks on the garrisons of Kalu Chak, Sunjuwan and Tanda in 2003. The population of the Kashmir Valley continued to be alienated despite the elaborate and costly 'Sadbhavana' activities undertaken by the Army.

The condition of the bns on the LC was unenviable. They had to simultaneously occupy permanent defences on the heights and prevent infiltration through the nalas and gaps while securing their rear areas. During this period, success in CI ops was measured, in the main, by the number of kills and captures.

General NC Vij, the new COAS, stressing reducing infiltration, ordered the construction of an Anti-infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) fence all along the border and LC and deployed additional formations to prevent infiltration. Protecting the engineer task forces constructing the fence was another task. Limitations of the Anti-Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) or the LC Fence were mitigated by placing alarm systems and selective electrification through generators. However, the presence of foreign terrorists and Pakistan-supplied arms, ammunition and equipment continued.

The multiple tasks of the LC Bns weakened surveillance on the LC that the enemy exploited by shallow raids across the LC. Some of our Bns faced these attacks.

After the Kargil War, the process of modernisation received a boost. By 2001, the 40 mm MGL (Multiple Grenade Launcher) were inducted, followed by the 30 mm AGS 30 (automatic grenade launchers). By 2002, powerful Anti-Material Rifles came into the Army. By 2004 bns commenced receiving 5.56 LMGs and 84 mm RLs Mark 3.

For anti-infiltration surveillance, the bns on the LC were provided unattended ground sensors and better night vision devices, including image intensifiers, thermal imagers and electronic surveillance devices.

In the interior, the formations fabricated vehicle-based jammers and other countermeasures to detonate the IEDs to counter radio frequency-controlled IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

The Army improved communications to remote areas by extending the Army Static Communication Network. Satellite phones were provided in inaccessible areas such as the Siachen Glacier. In peace stations, mobile phones came to be used by commanders.

Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) KK Khanna, AVSM, was elected as the COJR in 2000. Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) BS Nagal, SM, became the COJR in Dec 2006.

During this decade, seven bns of the Regiment received the COAS Unit Citations, and six more received Appreciation of the Army Commanders. Two officers were awarded the AC, seven received the KC, and twenty-seven were awarded the SC. There were scores of other gallantry and distinguished service awards.

Operationally, 19 JAT's occupation of Pt 5070 on the LC was a signification achievement. The decade saw the passing away of two previous COJRs, Lt Gen ML Thapan and Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh.

Activities of the Bns

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Col Pankaj Sachdeva took over the command on 26 May 2000. On 14 Dec 2000, Lt Gen PS Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, GOC-in-C, Central Command, Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment visited the Bn. Maj Gen KK Khanna, AVSM, GOC 14 Inf Div, (COJR Designate) visited on 15 Jan 2001. Two Coys of the Bn deployed in Khrew and Khanabal in the Kashmir Valley from Jan 2001- Dec 2001. The Bn eliminated nine militants and performed road opening duties. Nk K Bhoominathan was awarded the SM on 15 Aug 2002. During Op Parakram, the Bn mobilised on 19 Dec 2001 as part of 43 Armd Bde/1 Armd Div. Initially located near Bikaner, it later moved to Bathinda.

Col PM Vats took over the reins Bn from Col Pankaj Sachdeva in Dec 2002. The Bn moved to Roorkee in Jan 2003 as part of 14 RAPID (Strike). The Bn celebrated its bicentenary of raising on 16 Nov 2003. The COAS, Gen NC Viji, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, ADC with the Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, Maj Gen HS Panag, AVSM, and other dignitaries, were the guests.



THE BICENTENARY LOGO



GEN NC VIJ, COAS, AT THE BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AT ROORKEE ON 16 NOV 2003

On 09 Feb 2004, the Bn sent a mechanised coy column to HQ 36 Sect, Sumdo. Lt Gen GD Singh, GOC, 2 Corps, visited the Bn at Sumdo and appreciated the efforts of Royal Jats.

Col PK Saini took over the Command of the Bn in May 2005. The Bn moved to Beas as a part of 55 (I) Mechanised Bde/11 Corps in Feb 2006. On 28 Jun 2006, Lt Gen N Thamburaj, GOC 11 Corps, visited the Bn at the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges to witness an excellent firing standard. On 17 Aug 2006, Lt Gen HS Panag, AVSM, GOC, 21 Corps and Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment addressed the Bn.

Col RA Moghe took over command of the Bn in Jul 2007. Lt Gen BS Nagal, COJR, visited on 03 Nov 2007.

On 19 Dec 2008, the first rotation of mechanised coy column moved to Khanpur Camp for induction to the UN Mission MONUC, Congo. Col PS Joshi took over the reins on 29 May 2009. Lt Gen Ramesh Halagali, SM, GOC 11 Corps, visited the unit and witnessed an equipment display on 27 Mar 2010. On 29 Mar 2010, Lt Gen Deepak Raj, Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, visited the unit at Beas. In Jun 2010, the Bn moved to Bikaner as part of 180 Armd Bde/24 Inf Div.

2 JAT

Maj Gen KK Khanna, COJR, visited in 2001 while Col Balbir Singh was commanding at Sevoke Road and selected Maj SK Narain, the 2IC, to be posted as 2IC 45 RR, which was under raising.

From Sevoke Road, 2 JAT moved to J&K with the entire Kalimpong Div for Op Parakram. With chances of war receding, the Div was employed for counter-terrorist operations south of Pir Panjal in J&K. Six months later, Col Balbir Singh was nominated for LDMC, and Lt Col RK Sharma, from 12 JAT, took over the Bn in Jun 2002. The Bn remained prepared for offensive operations across the LC. In 2003, a patrol led by Maj Satbir Singh, SM, killed five terrorists in the interior areas. The officer was awarded Bar to SM. The Bn redeployed in the Krishna Ghati sector (J&K), where they continued to conduct successful operations.

In Feb 2004, Maj Gen RS Mavi, Retd, passed away at his residence in Chandigarh.

Col Satbir, SM** took over the Bn in May 2005. After that, 2 JAT moved to Khasa in Punjab in Jun. The tenure at Khasa was busy with routine peacetime activities. One significant activity was the conduct of a presentation on 1965 Operations for officers of 11 Corps, for which the GOC congratulated the CO. The Bn's Ghataks, led by Capt RS Shekhawat, won the Div Ghatak competition. Maj Ashish Gairola and Maj Arvind Kapoor were awarded GOC-in-C Commendations. Lt Sumit Dabral led the Regiment's Republic Day Parade contingent in 2007, adjudged the Best Marching Contingent.

2 JAT moved to North Sikkim in Nov 2007. Lt Gen Deepak Raj, the Corps Cdr, visited the Bn to convey his appreciation for their smooth induction in winter. The Bn HQ was at an altitude of 17,400 ft. Col Gagan Deep from 6 JAT took over the Bn in May 2008. On a long-range patrol to Muguthang, Capt Sunil Kumar successfully evacuated an ailing soldier, earning him a GOC-in-C Commendation.

The Bn revived the drying Gyamchhona Lake. It conducted troop trials of a few high mobility vehicles such as Tatra, Pajero, Safari and Scorpio for operations on the Plateau. During one such trial cum recce across the LAC, the vehicle driven by Maj PK Misra and Maj Ashish Gairola broke down 13 km inside Tibet. Fortunately, they were able to return slowly, in reverse gear. While this manoeuvre confused the Chinese, discussions of the venture ended amicably over some Muathe (Chinese wine).



WITH THE CHINESE IN SIKKIM



2 JAT IN NORTH SIKKIM



THE CO WITH PLA PERSONNEL IN NORTH SIKKIM

Maj Ashish Gairola was selected to proceed with the Indian Navy to participate in an International Fleet Review in South Korea in Oct 2008. The Bn volunteered to serve an additional five months in the area to enable turnover in the summer of 2009.

3 JAT

Under Col SS Hasabnis, the Bn left Solan for Uri, arriving on 09 Apr 2000 as part of 161 Bde/ 19 Div. Initially, the Bn carried out frequent trans-LC fire assaults. A fire assault launched on 09 Jun 2000 resulted in the killing of 11 Pak regulars and injuring three. On 22 Jun, a fire assault by Heavy Machin Gun led by Sub Amarpal Singh killed three Pak regulars and wounded one other. In Oct, the Bn apprehended two Bangladeshi nationals trying to exfiltrate to POK. Finally, a ceasefire came into effect on 26 Nov 2000. Losses in the fire assaults during the tenure included six OR killed and four wounded. The Bn also lost six men in a vehicle accident near Chandwari. Sep Subhash Chander and Sep Pukh Raj Singh brought laurels to the Bn in the Xth GV Mavalankar National Shooting Championship held in Oct 2000 and the 44th National Shooting Championship held in Punjab in Jan 2001.

Lt Col S B Bodhe took over on 07 May 2002. The Bn celebrated its 179th year of raising on 01 Sep 2002. While earlier Raising Days were on 23 Jun, scrutiny and research (based on the Calcutta Gazette dated 06 Aug, 01 Sep and 25 Sep 1823) discovered the date of raising of 3 JAT to be 01 Sep 1823 instead. The Bn organised an education tour for 18 students and two teachers from the nearby villages who visited Delhi, Agra and Jaipur and met the President, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The Bn continued to retaliate against the enemy's repeated ceasefire violations appropriately. In Sep 2002, our posts carried out a fire assault on the enemy posts destroying three bunkers and causing some casualties. In Jun and Jul of 2003, search ops in the LC villages of Churunda and Mithvan Bhaik resulted in recoveries of arms and ammunition. Three civilian casualties took place due to mine blasts.

In Jul 2003, the Bn moved to its new location at Ferozepur as part of 29 Inf Bde/7 Inf Div. On 15 Aug 2003, Hav Rajvir Singh of the unit was awarded the SC for action at Mirpura in Budgam in Jammu and Kashmir while being posted with 34 RR Bn. At Ferozepur, the Bn won the Small Arms and Ghatak competitions at the Div level, besides excelling in Kabbadi and Cross-country. In Nov 2003, the Bn moved to the Hussainiwala Enclave and then to Bir Gugiania for quantification training, from where they returned a month later.

Col RN Mathur took over on 27 Dec 2004. The Bn celebrated the 40th Battle Honour Day on 6 Sep 2005, instead of 22 Sep, as a one-time measure to commemorate the Battle of Batapore, the prelude to the Battle of Dograi. On 25 Sep Lt Gen KK Khanna, AVSM, VSM, COJR, visited the Bn. Maj Gen B Sivasankar, VSM, GOC 7 Inf Div, addressed the Bn in Nov 2005 while presenting the Best Bn in Sports trophy. In Dec 2005, the Bn moved to Bunker, North Sikkim, under 112 Mtn Bde/17 Min Div. After a year, it moved to another high-altitude location, LANKA (on Lachung Axis). The Bn's primary role was to monitor and quickly respond to Chinese Patrols, but there were no incidents as both sides maintained the peace. The Bn won the Overall 17 Inf Div Banner twice. In Oct 2006, the Bn conducted a joint mountaineering exercise with the French Army. It de-inducted from Giagong to LANKA (on Lachung Axis) after a month-long op alert on 30 Sep 2007 that included the construction of an op track Donkya- Shivmandir and a Flying Fox at Zeema-3. Lt Gen KS Sivakumar, VSM, COS Eastern Command, ex-CO, visited on 22 Feb 2005. In his visit to the Bn in May 2006, Vice Admiral Suresh Mehta (later Chief of Naval Staff), PVSM, AVSM, ADC, FOC-in-C Eastern Naval Command praised the unit and its men for braving such harsh conditions and maintaining high standards.

Col VM Sharma took over on 01 Apr 2007. In Jun 2007, the Bn received the GOC-in-C's Unit Appreciation for its outstanding performance during its peace tenure at Alwar. Capt SS Ahlawat was awarded the COAS Commendation for the rescue patrol during the avalanche of Apr 2006. In Dec 2007, the Bn was de-inducted from LANKA to Alwar under 20 Inf Bde/12 RAPID. The Bn maintained its formidable reputation in sports and games, winning the 20 Inf Bde Banner for the Best Bn for 2008. On 24 Feb 2008, the Bn conducted the Defence Minister at Laungewala. In 2009, it bagged the Small Arms, Mine-laying, Mortars and MMG & AGL, and Ghatak competitions at the Div level, besides winning the Bde Banner for the second time.

On Independence Day 2008, the unit was awarded the GOC-in-C Southern Command Unit Citation for its performance in Alwar. Col AK Pandey took over the Bn on 28 Jun 2010. In early 2011, the Bn received move orders to Bani-Machhedi, for CI ops, in J&K.

4 JAT

After Op Vijay, Col MS Kukshal moved the Bn from Kaksar to Ferozepur under 65 Inf Bde/7 Inf Div in Sep 2000. The Bn excelled in Ghatak, MMG, ARA and Football. The Ghatak team went on to win the 11 Corps Hudson Cup.

In Aug 2001, several men were posted to the newly raised 45 RR (JAT). Maj Rajesh Sethi proceeded to attend the Australian Command and Staff Course. The Bn mob for Op Parakram on 17 Dec 2001. Digging of defences and collection of mines and ammunition commenced simultaneously. Live mine laying began on 24 Dec 2001 at BOPs of SS Wala and Chak Khewa. In Jan, Maj Deepak Joshi from DSSC Wellington, Maj SS Dhaliwal from 6 JAT, and Capt HS Mavi from OTA Chennai joined the Bn. Coys deployed at Ladhuka (A), HRS Wala (B), MS Wala (C), Prabat Singh Wala and Dandi Qadim (D), and Fattuwalla (SP & HQ). BOPs of Tahliwala, Chak Khewa, Jodhawala, SS Wala and NS Wala were placed under command.

Nk Roop Singh (A Coy) sustained injuries from a mine accident on 31 Dec 2001. S Battery of 1044 BSF Arty Regiment at Ladhuka, a Platoon of 140 BSF Bn and coys of 124, 42 and 181 Bns BSF were also placed under command. The Bn trained a group of volunteer civilians for the impending op called the 'Bhagat Singh Fauz'. On 11 May, Col MS Kukshal handed over to Col B Patnaik. On 29 Jun 02, Sep Khushi Ram (SP Coy) shot dead an intruder near BOP Gattiyaru. Orders for minefield recovery were received in Jul. On 30 Sep, the Bn hosted Brig (Retd) DE Hayde, MVC, who addressed all officers of 7 Inf Div on the Battle of Dograi. Backloading of ammunition and defence stores and mines commenced in Nov. The Pakistanis started recovering their minefields on 26 Nov. Sub Azad Singh sustained a blast injury during the recovery of mines on 28 Dec. The Bn was finally de-inducted to Ferozepur on 29 Dec 2002, leaving three mine recovery parties led by Capt SK Sinha, Capt KV Nair and Capt A Singaraj.

In Jul, the Bn moved to Tamulpur, Assam, under 107 Inf Bde/21 Inf Div for CI ops under Op Rhino to Gopal Bazar. Aug was used for familiarisation with their op area in Tawang Sect. On 30 Oct 2003, in an op at Barkhuria, Lt Akshay Das killed a hardcore ULFA militant Balan Kalita. This resulted in the surrender of Vinod Boishya, a 'bn cdr' of 709 ULFA Bn. In Dec, the Bn accepted the surrender of three armed NDFB militants. On 27 Dec 03, two militants were killed in an op led by Maj Rajesh Sethi and Maj Rajiv Ghosh.

In Feb 2004, The Bn redeployed at Laluk and later Saboti under 5 Mtn Bde. Bn won the Div Kabaddi Competition. Lt Gen AS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM, GOC 4 Corps visited on 02 Jul. Thirty-eight ULFA militants surrendered to the Bn in Jun. On 23 Jul 04, in an op led by Maj Rajesh Sethi (D Coy), two militants were killed at Kalithagaon. Maj Rajesh Sethi was awarded the SM. On 29 Oct 04, in an op led by Maj Ghosh, Capt Radha Krishna and Lt Ashish Sajgotra, five ULFA militants were killed at Kachhjuli. A Coy killed one militant and apprehended three in an op at Bagulijain on 13 Dec.

On 12 Feb 2005, five KNLF militants were apprehended from Panbari by Sub Azad Singh. In May, Lt Col Deepak Joshi and Lt Col Rajesh Tyagi were approved for the rank of Col. Lt Col Rajesh Sethi, SM, was posted to MS-3 at the Army HQ. Op Sadbhavana's activities and the rehabilitation of militants continued. Col Rajesh Tyagi took over on 10 Jun 05. The Bn moved to Tinsukia under 181 Inf Bde to sanitise the Dibru Saikhowa Reserve Forest (DSRF) in Jul. Two SMs and six COAS Commendations were conferred on 15 Aug 2005.

The sanitisation of the DSRF was carried out from 31 Aug to 05 Oct in flooded and humid conditions with dense forests and undergrowth. Two ULFA camps were busted near Maralaika Nala on 01 Sep along with the recovery of explosives. On 09 Sep, a nine-member People's Consultative Group was formed by ULFA for peace talks. ULFA militant named Himanshu Bora was killed on 10 Sep. Lt Gen HS Lidder, GOC 4 Corps, visited the same day and was briefed by the CO. On 20 Sep, C Coy killed 3 ULFA militants, including a female cadre Jahnvi Gogoi. Between 21 Sep to 05 Oct 2005, eight Over Ground Workers (OGWs) were apprehended, and two ULFA militants were killed. The Bn's ops in the DSRF were instrumental in denuding the ULFA. Surrender of ULFA militants and recovery of war-like stores continued in Nov and Dec. Lt Gen Arvind Sharma, GOC-in-C Eastern Command, during his visit on 13 Dec, complimented the Bn for their performance in the sanitisation of the DSRF.

The Bn de-inducted to Dinjan on 22 Sep and moved to Jaipur on 03 Oct 2006 under 45 Inf Bde/18 RAPID in an offensive role. Lt Gen KK Khanna, COJR, visited on 13 Nov 06. The unit was awarded GOC-in-C Eastern Command Unit Citation on 15 Jan 07 for its performance in Assam. Col Rajesh Tyagi was awarded the SM on 26 Jan. Two GOC-in-C commendations were also awarded to the Bn.

The Bn excelled in Marksmanship, ARA and Basketball, X Country, Wrestling, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Aquatics and Football to win the 18 RAPID Sports Banner. Two coy columns moved to conduct flag marches on 29 May 07 to assist the civil administration in Dausa District during the Gurjar Agitation. Columns were again employed similarly in Oct. Col Rajesh Sethi, SM, took over on 04 Aug 08. Lt Gen BS Nagal, PVSM, AVSM, SM, COJR, was the chief guest at the Raising Day celebrations on 15-18 Jan. The Guard of Honour was presented to the COJR by Maj Malay Mishra. In Jun, the Bn won the Div Sports Banner for the second time.

On 05 Oct, the Bn moved to Uri under 12 Inf Bde/19 Inf Div, including the responsibility of the Kaman Aman Setu crossing and conduct of Bus and Trade Service between India and Pakistan. On 19 Nov 09, one person attempting to cross Kaman Setu illegally was apprehended. Sweets were exchanged with the Pakistan Army on 27 Nov 09 on Id-ul-Zuha. Maj SK Sinha cleared the DSSC entrance exam on a competitive vacancy and later attended the staff college in Canada. In Dec, the Bn conducted Special Heli-borne Ops (SHBO) training of six units, a formation war game and an educational tour of school children under Op Sadbhavana to Delhi, Jaipur and Ajmer. Srinagar – Muzaffarabad Bus and Truck Services were opened in Apr 2010. A Parliamentary Committee of 15 MPs visited Kaman Setu in Jun. On 30 Jul, there were agitations in Uri town on the burial of three militants by the J&K Police without proper rites resulting in stone pelting at the Police Station, before the Bn brought the situation under control. On 20 Aug, Col Rajesh Sethi, SM, was selected for the appointment of Defence Attache to Nigeria. Contact was established with terrorists on 17 Oct, in which Sep Kartar Singh was injured. One AK 47 Rifle, along with ammunition and explosives, were recovered.

Three enemy soldiers were killed on 21 Oct in the cross-LC sniping actions undertaken by Maj BS Chauhan, Maj KV Nair, Lt Ajay Pandey and Maj Arun SV Nair. The Bn conducted an Op Sadbhavana tour of school children to Delhi, Lucknow and Kolkata under Maj KV Nair in Nov. On 04 Dec, the Bn organised a civil-military interaction attended by Lt Gen SA Hasnain, AVSM, SM, VSM*, and GOC 15 Corps, in which the civilians appreciated the Bn's efforts to bring harmony and cooperation. On 15 Dec 10, Lt Gen BS Nagal, PVSM, AVSM, SM, ADC, C-in-C SFC and COJR visited the Bn. Bus and Truck services through Kaman Aman Setu resumed in Dec 2010.

5 JAT

Col KS Saini took over the Bn in Nov 2000. From J&K, the Bn moved to Dehradun in Oct 2001 but soon deployed for Op Parakram in Punjab. The Bn carried out minelaying and, subsequently, mine-lifting tasks without casualties. The Bn received three COAS Commendations. Another feather in the cap was the night crossing of the Sutlej River in a formation exercise. The Bn returned to Dehradun in Dec 2002 and was adjudged the overall Best Bn in the Div. The Bn received two GOC-in-C Commendations for the Young Blood Championship.

The Bn moved to the Bandipore Sect (J&K) in May 2004. Col AK Rohilla took over in Aug 2004. At Bandipore, the Bn conducted counter-terrorism operations and counter-infiltration ops while preparing for conventional ops. The Bn eliminated 24 terrorists and apprehended seven. Maj Yogesh Agarwal and Sub Surender Singh were killed in action in an op that killed five terrorists. The COJR, then the Chief of Staff Northern Command, visited the Bn soon after that. 53 personnel obtained above-average grading on army courses of instruction. The Bn improved the existing assets in the Bn, including computers, generator sets and training equipment; an account was opened to build up silver in the JCOs Mess.

In 2006, the Bn provided security on the northern route to the Amarnath Cave and sent 'prasad' to all Jat bns. In J&K, Maj Maneesh Kukrety, SM, was awarded Bar to SM, Maj Gaurav Grewal received the SM, while Capt R Bala Murugan and two JCOs received COAS Commendations.

The Bn moved to Bikaner, where Col Bharat Dabral took over on 01 Nov 2006. In Jun 2007, the Bn was employed at Lalsot and Dausa to assist the civil administration in maintaining law and order during the Gujjar & Meena agitation, for which four GOC-in-C Commendations were awarded. On 08 Feb 2008, the Bn organised an ex-servicemen Gaurav Senani Rally, in which Veernaris were felicitated on behalf of the formation. In Jun, Lt Gen RS Sujana, AVSM, VSM, GOC 10 Corps and Lt Gen BS Nagal, the COJR, visited the Bn. The Bn was adjudged the Best Bn in Professional Competitions for 2007-08 in 24 Inf Div.

The Bn left Bikaner on 31 Jul to take over Op responsibility on the LC in Keran Sect on 28 Aug. Col HSS Krishna Kumar, SM, took over on 03 Oct 09.

6 JAT

On 17 Apr 1999, the Bn under Col RK Rawat took over the operational responsibility under 181 Mtn Bde/21 Mtn Div at Gossaigaon. After a year at Gossaigaon, the Bn moved to Rupai under 151 Mtn Bde/2 Mtn Div. During its tenure in Assam, the Bn killed 42 Militants, apprehended 175 and was awarded one SC, four SMs, four Mention-in-Despatches, nineteen COAS and nine GOC-in-C Commendations. There were numerous incidents of bravery and acts beyond the call of duty.

During a cordon and search op led by Capt Satyavir Dangi on 06 May 1999 at Mechpara, Hav Ompal Singh shot two COBRA Group Adivasi militants. On 07 Jun 1999, at Jiaguri, Maj Surendra Singh, while leading an op, killed a COBRA group militant and captured another. A cordon and search op conducted by Maj Diwan Singh on 16 Nov 1999 at Jaraguri killed a senior NDFB 'minister'. On 13 Apr 2000, in an ambush led by Maj Bikramjeet Singh, on a route of ingress from Bhutan, Sep Raj Kumar killed a militant of ADF (Arunachal Dragon Federation), recovering the weapons of other 3-4 militants who fled in the dense forest after being challenged. A militant was killed in an op led by Maj Surendra Singh and Capt Chetan Chauhan, from the Kumsong Coy Base, on 22 Sep 2000 in the Modoi area in Namsai District. On 29 Dec 2000, Lt Avishek Mukherjee led teams from Sadiya Operating Base in a cordon and search operation in village Dkronggaon resulting in the killing of Loknath Pegu, the 'Organising Secretary' of Kunkil Sakha of the ULFA. In an Op on 27 Sep 2001, SS Lt Biman Baruah and his bodyguard were killed by Sep Manjit Singh, who was wounded in the action. On 28 Oct 2001, in a cordon and search op by teams from Sadiya Operating Base led by Capt Rahul Arya in village Jyotishgaon, two ULFA action group members, Vidyut Lalwari and Samar Nayak, were killed. On 28 Nov 2001, at Gen area Bansbarighat, an op led by Capt Chetan Chauhan resulted in the killing of a ULFA militant, Pallav Gogoi. On 06 Dec 2001, at Selenguri/Dangori Forest, in an op led by Maj Diwan Singh, SS Sergeant Maj Nivaram Borah alias Biman Mohanto of the ULFA (responsible for an Improvised Explosive Device attack on a CRPF team during 1999 and on an army patrol on 21 Sep 2001) was killed. On 14 Feb 2002, Capt Ritesh Mohan and his team of six n men from Dhola Operating Base eliminated five ULFA militants who had commandeered a boat on the Brahmaputra River at Dibru-Saikhowa Reserve forest.

On 12 Aug, Col AV Pandia took over from Col RK Rawat, who proceeded on HDMC. Three days later, the CO and officers were privileged to attend the swearing-in ceremony for the second term of the Governor of Assam, Lt Gen SK Sinha, PVSM, at Dispur. On 13 Sep 2002, Major SV Patwardhan received information on a ULFA arms cache near Tinsukia. After a

detailed search over a week by several teams led by Maj SV Patwardhan, 31 AK-56 rifles were recovered from general area Sadiya, inside a syntax tank buried under the ground. This significant breakthrough broke the backbone of insurgent activity in the area of responsibility.



CO AND SM RECEIVING THE COAS UNIT COAS CITATION FROM GEN NC VIJ

For its performance in Assam, the Bn was awarded the COAS Unit Citation, which Col AV Pandia received on 15 Jan 2003. After Assam, the Bn reached Damana on 06 Jun 2003 under 19 Inf Bde/26 Inf Div and deployed in a counter-Infiltration role under modified field conditions. The Bn was responsible for manning the Makwal DCB. Under Op Sadbhavana, the Bn constructed a gravel road from Makwal to DCB, besides other Op Sadbhavana activities. In Aug 2005, the Bn launched relief columns during the flash floods in the river Tawi.

After Damana, the Bn moved to Manipur, taking over its operational responsibility on 02 Apr 2006 under 73 Mtn Bde/57 Mtn Div in the Bishenpur-Churachandpur Districts of South Manipur under Op Hifazat-1. The Bn successfully suppressed the activities of the numerous underground groups killing one militant and apprehending 111 during its tenure. The Bn was awarded one SM and two GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn revitalised the Bn Training Cell and secured 11 instructor gradings in Army Courses of Instruction.

On 03 Jan 2009, after three successive tenures in the field (1999-2008), the Bn arrived at its much-awaited peace posting as the Demonstration Bn of The Infantry School, Mhow. The Bn conducted the Thirtieth and Thirty-First Infantry Commanders' Conference in Sep 2009 and Sep 2011, respectively, by providing security cover, ceremonial guards and administrative

support to the Infantry School. The Bn utilised the opportunity at Mhow to train a maximum number of personnel in Army courses, resulting in 112 instructor gradings to personnel of the Bn.

7 JAT

The Bn moved to Mendhar on the LC in Feb 2000 under Col AK Pandey, who had commanded 9 JAT earlier. On 21 Sep. 2000, two terrorists were eliminated by Lt MS Kahlon. Col SK Saini, VSM, took over in Dec 2000. On 14 May 2001, four terrorists were killed in a day-long encounter for which Nk Rit Ram was awarded the SC. In May and Jun 2001, eight terrorists were killed. In Sep, the Bn killed seven more terrorists in several encounters. On 07 Feb. 2002, the Bn killed seven terrorists, including a LeT district commander. On the night of 14-15 Feb, nine terrorists of LeT were eliminated by A Coy and Ghatak platoon under Maj DS Murty and Capt DK Jha, respectively. Maj DS Murty was awarded the SC. On 29 Jun, A Coy personnel under Capt Naresh Banyana killed three terrorists. In Aug, C Coy, in an ambush at Patri Gali led by Capt Manas Mohapatra, eliminated three more terrorists. On 02 Oct, Maj GSP Raju and Capt DK Jha led ambushes and eliminated eight foreign terrorists. In the firefight, Capt DK Jha was killed in action. The brave officer was awarded the Kirti Chakra posthumously.



SHRI NATHUNI JHA, THE FATHER OF CAPT DILIP KUMAR JHA, RECEIVING THE KIRTI CHAKRA FROM SHRI APJ ABDUL KALAM, PRESIDENT OF INDIA, IN 2003

On 18 Nov 2002, a surveillance detachment of D Coy observed a group of terrorists infiltrating across the LC. Capt Umang Bhardwaj closed in with them, shooting the leading terrorist, but while engaging other terrorists, he was grievously wounded. He killed another terrorist before succumbing to his injuries. After that, his men shot all the other terrorists. Capt Umang Bhardwaj was awarded the SC. On 05 Feb. 2003, L Nk Rajesh Kumar, SM of A Coy, who was on Observation Post duty at Phagwari, shot down a Pakistani UAV with LMG fire.

During the tenure at Mendhar, the Bn neutralised 65 terrorists. The Bn received two Kirti Chakras, seven SCs, one YSM, one Bar to SM, nine SMs, one M-in-D, seven COAS Commendations and two GOC-in-C's Commendations. Two officers and 12 men were killed in action. The Bn was awarded its second COAS Unit Citation. In Mar 2003, the COAS visited and appreciated the performance of 7 JAT before they moved out to Andheiran Rakh near Jammu. Col SK Saini, VSM, was awarded the YSM.

In the Jammu Division, while the Bn's main task was on the DCB, one coy was deployed at Katra for additional security at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine and the pilgrims. In May 2003, Col SK Saini handed over to Col Rajinder Bhatia, from 6 JAT. In their operational area, the Bn apprehended 16 personnel crossing the border illegally. The Bn trained locals to defend themselves against terrorist attacks. On receipt of intelligence of the increasing terrorist threat to the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, the Bn redeployed one more coy and the Ghatak platoon to provide security to the pilgrims. The Bn organised an investiture ceremony and a photo exhibition at Jammu and provided flood relief. The Bn was tasked to train the Ghatak platoons of all infantry bns in the Div.

In Sep 2005, the Bn moved to Chumathang under 70 Inf Bde/3 Mtn Div to prepare for induction into Central Glacier, slated for Feb 2006. Two coys were later deployed in the Dras Sect in Oct 2005. However, on being selected for the UN Mission Sudan in Dec 2005, they moved to the Gurez Sect as an accretional force under 109 Inf Bde/28 Inf Div in May. This change in orbat took place as they would not have completed their planned Glacier tenure in time to move for the UN Mission. Earlier, in Feb 2006, a coy had deployed to control the tense situation by conducting Flag marches in Leh and nearby areas caused by tension between Buddhists and Muslims. While in the Gurez Sect, the Bn killed four terrorists. In this action, one jawan was killed and two wounded. The actions earned one SM.

In Oct 2006, the Bn reached Manesar to prepare for its move to Sudan. For their mission in Sudan, the Bn received additional officers and men. A Team of 9 PARA (SF) also formed part of the Bn Group. The Hon'ble President addressed all peacekeepers on 05 Feb. 2007. The six-point UN oath was administered to the peacekeepers proceeding overseas.

After prayers in the Bn Mandir, the first batch flew to Sudan in Mar 2007. The Bn HQ was at Kadugli with a coy each at Wau and Juba connected only by air. The Bn was to protect UN personnel and assets at Kadugli. The Indian peacekeepers interacted with personnel from other Nations and played friendly matches with their teams. It refurbished three schools and organised medical and veterinary camps to treat 4,000 personnel and 7,000 animals. At Kadugli, the Bn received a few dignitaries, including Shri Deepak Vohra, the Indian ambassador, the Force Cdr, and Mr Stephan Keller, Germany's ambassador to Sudan and his wife. The Governor of South Kordofan State hosted a dinner for the officers.



PLANNING OPERATIONS IN SUDAN



HELIBORNE OPERATIONS TRAINING AT KADUGLI AIRPORT

On 14 Aug 2007, a dinner was hosted by the Bn to celebrate the 60th Independence Day of India. The party's highlight was the joint cutting of a cake at midnight on 14/15 Aug by Indian and Pakistani seniors to celebrate our Independence.

An Investiture Parade commanded by the CO was held on 16 Aug. A replica of the ramparts of Red Fort impressed the audience. A display by the Bn pipe band was highly appreciated. At all ceremonies, the smartly turned-out men and the precision drill of 7 JAT impressed the spectators.

On 26 Jan 2008, Lt Col Maneesh Kukrety, SM** commanded a combined Guard of Honour. The Bn received ten Commendations of the Force Cdr. On 22 Feb, Brig Gen SJ Tembo, the Deputy Force Cdr, visited the Bn and awarded UN medals, the Force Cdr's Commendations and Unit Appreciation. A Badr Integrated School was inaugurated at Kadugli. The Deputy Governor of South Kordofan State, Mr Daniel Kedi, praised the UN and 7 JAT for all activities in Kadugli and around. On 09 Mar, Lt Gen JS Lidder, the Force Cdr, awarded his Unit Appreciation to 7 JAT. One officer and five men also received the Force Cdr's Commendations. The Bn returned to Manesar in Mar 2008.

In May 2008, the Bn moved to Tr Junction, East Sikkim, after some formalities in Delhi. Here, the Bn faced a few unforeseen challenges. One of these was the reshuffling of men on account of the UN Mission. The second was to counter the aggressive Chinese patrols in their area. Col Rohan Anand, SM, took over from Col Sandeep Sehgal on 29 Jul 2008. In Oct, Maj MS Kahlon was nominated for a competitive vacancy in the DSSC Entrance Exam. Maj Bipin, the 2IC, conducted a TEWT for the Bde. The Bn maintained the famous Harbhajan Baba Mandir and the Guinness Book Certified World's Highest Golf Course at Kupup in Sikkim.

8 JAT

The Bn served at Mt Abu from Nov 2000 to Sep 2003. The Bn won the Ghatak, Boxing, Volleyball, and Basketball competitions. The COJR visited the Bn when they were deployed in the desert. Col VP Singh proceeded to the Higher Command Course. Col SP Chaudhary took over the Bn in Aug 2002.

The Bn served in Poonch from Sep 2003 to Apr 2006. During the period, the Bn killed several terrorists on the LC. The Bn rescued many army personnel and provided relief to the people of Poonch in the earthquake of 08 Oct 2005.

Col DS Shishodia commanded from Jul 2005 to Mar 2008. From Apr 2006 to Aug 2009, the Bn served at Ferozepur, where they won the Div Banner and the Infantry Training Banner. Col Sanjeev Kumar commanded the Bn from Mar 2008 to Jul 2010. The first major responsibility assigned to the unit was to organise a Station Barakhana in honour of the Defence Minister, Shri AK Antony.

The Bn excelled in professional events and sports, winning the newly instituted Best Infantry Battalion and Best Overall Champion Battalion banners of 7 Inf Div in 2009. The Western Command Battle Obstacle Competition was a memorable win, won by just a second inspiring the new motto- 'To be a Winner, Every Second Counts', adopted to inspire future generations.

The tenure at Ferozepur will also be remembered for the grand celebrations of the Unit's Golden Jubilee and the inauguration of the Unit Heritage Room.

The Unit moved to Handanbroke in the Batalik Sect in Aug 2009. It is worth recalling that after winning the Western Command Cambrian Competition, the Bn's Ghataks won the Northern Command to qualify for the Army-level competition. However, after reaching Belgaum, this

most deserving team was not permitted to participate in the Army-level competition as Lt Uma, the team captain, had not undergone the commando course by then.

After settling the Bn well and seeing it through the winter, Col Sanjeev Kumar handed it over to Col Sandeep Rautela on 22 Jun 2010.

9 JAT

The Bn served at Kalsian from Jul 2001 to Aug 2004, with Col AK Sharma taking over on 12 Aug 2001. The Bn carried out fire assaults and sniper firing on the enemy posts across the LC. In their area, they killed three terrorists and wounded two. The Bn suffered two casualties in an enemy raid in Aug 2003, of which one body was found decapitated. In response, the Bn launched a raid supported by fire assaults on 18 Sep, killing eight enemy soldiers. While Lt IPS Dhillon led the raiding party, the fire assaults on the enemy posts were led by the CO and the 2IC.



THE RAIDING TEAM, ALONG WITH OTHER PERSONNEL OF 9 JAT

Lt Col GAV Reddy, the 2IC and Nk Munna Lal Mundel were awarded the SC. Lt IPS Dhillon, Lt Nithin Hariram, Hav Harpal Singh and Sep Praveen Kumar were awarded the SM. The Army Cdr and Maj Gen KK Khanna, COJR, visited Naushera to congratulate the team.

During the tenure, the Bn lost 11 men killed in action. It received two SCs, four SMs, and eight COAS Commendations.

In Jun 2004, Lt Col GAV Reddy, SC, took over from Col AK Sharma, who was nominated to attend the Higher Command Course. The Bn moved to Tibri in Sep 2004. Maj Gen BS Nagal, SM, was the GOC of the Division. After an eventful tenure at Tibri, 9 JAT served in Ladakh, including six months in the Northern Glacier from Sep 2007 to Aug 2009. Col NR Khandekar took over in Jan 2007.



ON THE GLACIER

While serving on the Glacier, Maj GS Kahlon climbed Indra Col along the AGPL to an altitude of 18,911 ft and led patrols into Turkistan La Valley at an altitude of 17,700 ft. The Bn fixed trolleys on ice walls to facilitate logistics. The Bn bridged large crevasses, established new posts, constructed new helipads besides route marking, and laid telephone lines. The Bn suffered no casualties during the Siachen tenure. Capt Tarun Tyagi and Sep Harjinder Singh recovered a snow scooter from a 200 ft deep crevasse in the Glacier. Maj GS Kahlon was awarded M-in-D, Capt Tarun Tyagi the COAS Commendation, whilst Capt AS Bisht and three others received GOC-in-C's Commendations. The Bn won the Div Cambrian Patrol and ARA competitions in Ladakh on de-induction.

11 JAT

Col ST Upasani, SM, took over in Dec 2000 at Meerut. When deployed for Op Parakram, the Bn was part of the elite 2 Corps, fully prepared for an offensive in Jan 2002 in semi-desert terrain. In GOC's remarks to the COJR, it remained the best Bn in his Div.

In Feb 2003, the Bn moved to the Tut Mari Gali on the Shamshabari Range in J&K. In May 2003, Col Upasani, SM, proceeded for LDMC, on the recommendation of the COJR, Lt Col Vijay Mehta, from the unit, was appointed officiating CO pending promotion.

On 09 Oct 2003, Lt Col Vijay Mehta and his party killed three militants. After the ceasefire on the LC, the Bn thwarted the enemy's attempt to creep forward by opening fire. Despite violating the ceasefire, the Corps Cdr appreciated the CO's initiative in the given circumstances. The officiating CO was awarded the SM. The Bn received the GOC-in-C's Unit Appreciation for its performance at Tut Mari Gali. Capt RS Jamwal was adjudged the best student in Mountain Warfare Course.

In May 2005, the Bn moved to Alwar. The Bn gave a presentation on the Battle of Laungewala to visiting courses and dignitaries. In Dec 2006, Col PPS Bajwa took over. The Bn won the Div Championship banner in 2006 and 2007. Capt Saket Bharadwaj was adjudged the second-best student on the Ghatak Course.

In Oct 2007, the Bn moved to Tangdhar in J&K. The Bn eliminated 19 Pakistani terrorists near the LC. Maj Ravinder Singh and Maj Jeevan B were awarded the SC. Maj Jugmal Singh Vaghela was awarded the SC and the SM. Seven other personnel were awarded the SM. The Bn received the COAS Unit Citation in 2011 for their tenure in Tangdhar, J&K.



*COL TS HOTH AND SUB MAJ HANUMAN RAM RECEIVED THE UNIT CITATION
FROM GEN VK SINGH, COAS*

12 JAT

After their tenure in the Turtuk Sect, 12 JAT served at Jaipur from Oct 2000 to Jul 2003. In Jul 2001, Col Nripendra Singh took over from Col Samir Bisaria. In Dec 2001, the Bn was deployed for Op Parakram at Laungewala, where they were awarded two COAS Commendations. Unfortunately, they suffered fatal casualties of one JCO & eighteen OR due to activation of faulty mines at the mine harbour while mine laying was underway on 28 Dec 2001.

In Jul 2003, the Bn moved to Arunachal Pradesh in Jul 2003. In Nov 2004, Col Sandeep Pande took over and led the Bn when deployed for Op Rhino in Assam. They also operated on the Indo-Bhutan border to flush out Assamese insurgents inside Bhutan. The Bn assisted the civil administration in the conduct of peaceful elections in the State.

In Sep 2006, the Bn moved to Shahjahanpur. Col Rajan AY took over in Apr 2008. While at Shahjahanpur, the Bn was initially placed under 6 Mtn Div and in Aug 2007 under 23 Inf Div,

necessitating training for varied operational roles in different terrains. The Bn excelled in sports and professional competitions and was awarded the Div Sports and Overall Championship Banners for 2008-09 in the new formation.



COL AY RAJAN, CO 12 JAT AT SHAHJAHANPUR DURING ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION

In Jul 2009, the Bn moved to Dras, where it trained for high-altitude warfare. Despite the altitude, terrain and severe climatic conditions, the Bn improved defences considerably to improve the defence potential.

14 JAT

In Sep 2000, 14 JAT moved to Assam with Col OJS Khangura in command. In Op Rhino, the Bn neutralised ten militants and provided additional security during elections. On 19 Jan 2001, at Jiribam, three militants of the Bodo Liberation Tigers were killed by the Ghatak Platoon led by Lt VA Rastogi while C Coy under Maj SS Bisht conducted the overall cordon and search op. Two UNLF cadres surrendered at Army Camp, Sribar, with a Rifle AK-56 & 28 rounds. While countering a UNLF ambush, a column of C Coy and Ghataks led by Lt DM Pujari killed two militants. Lt DM Pujari, Sub Jai Singh and Hav Sohanbir were killed in this action.

The Bn moved to Gambhir, J&K, in Mar 2003 under 120 Inf Bde/25 Inf Div. In Aug, Col Paritosh Pant took over. In 2003, the Bde was selected for trials of unattended ground sensors (UGS) inducted into the Army. Using these sensors, the Bn foiled many infiltrating attempts and neutralised many terrorists, though they suffered a few casualties in the firefights. The Bn exhibited complete synergy & seamless integration of these devices, and guided its ambush

parties through Night Vision Devices (NVDs) and Long-Range Reconnaissance and Observation Systems (LORROS), killing three dreaded terrorists. On 19 Sep 2003, the newly established Bn Surveillance Command Post reported activation of UGS deployed at Sangar Area ahead of mother ridge. On 19 Sep 2003, Lt Abhimanyu Yadav led an ambush party, killing one terrorist on the spot & another two terrorists during the search of the cornfields. Sub Khilona Singh & LNK Jagdish Prasad Dhinwa were killed in action, and Maj Deepak Joshi and Sep Dalpat Ram were wounded. Sub Khilona Singh was awarded the SC posthumously. The op was recorded on the computer-integrated LORROS in the Bn Surveillance Command Post for the first time and subsequently shown as examples to emulate in various academies and courses of instruction across the country. An ambush under Lt R Srikant and Hav Sukhram Pal killed two terrorists infiltrating across the LC. The Bn continued locating terrorist hideouts & foiling several infiltration attempts.

The Bn ensured zero infiltration in their tenure, which the Army Cdr appreciated during his visit. The paltan constructed formidable permanent defences besides carrying out several projects under Op Sadbhavana, including building community shelters and water tanks and conducting health camps and educational tours for the youth. During the tenure, The Bn was conferred with one SC, three SMs, thirteen COAS Commendations, one VCOAS Commendation & three GOC's-in-C Commendations.

From Gambhir, the Bn moved to Meerut in Jan 2006 under Col Deepak Joshi. At the Div level, they twice won the Mortar, Recce & Surveillance competitions and the Watermanship competition. Col TJ Ajith Kumar took over the Bn in Mar 2008 and moved it to Ladakh in Jul 2009.

Once while training, they remained for 72 hours on Key La (19,303 ft). In another exercise, they constructed defences at over 15,000 ft. The Bn assisted the formation in laying optical fibre cable over approximately 86 km. The Bn organised flag meetings with the Chinese as per Border agreements of Peace & Tranquility signed between the nations. The Bn won a friendly Basketball match with the PLA on 20 Oct 2009 in the Chushul sector. The Ghataks won the Corps-level Cambrian Patrol Competition.

From May 2010 to Mar 2011, the Bn remained in Op Meghdoot in the Northern Glacier. The Bn patrolled to dominate un-held areas such as Indira Col, Turkistan La & Prayag LP. They bridged more than 200 crevasses & opened new snow scooter routes/foot routes. They also improved the defence preparedness by constructing ice caves and ferrying infrastructure for creating new habitats & communication lines in the AOR. In the first Siachen Cleaning Campaign' in Northern-Glacier, the Bn moved almost three tons of non-degradable waste to Base Camp in a month. There were no casualties during the Glacier tenure.



A FLAG MEETING IN PROGRESS

15 JAT

In Apr 2000, while at Tamenglong, the Bn assisted the civil administration during elections in border districts of South Assam (Karimganj and Hailakandi) in Apr 2000 and again during Autonomous Hill Distt Council elections in North Cachar Hills in 2001. On 30 Aug 2000, the Ghatak Platoon, led by Capt Hemant Prem Kumar, was ambushed by NSCN (IM) in the Tamenglong town while returning after search ops. Capt Hemant was killed in the counter-ambush action, and Lt Anshuman Srivastava was wounded. Sunday churchgoers at the site in the heart of the town severely restricted the platoon's fire. Capt Hemant Prem Kumar was awarded the SM. During the Tamenglong tenure, the Bn killed four insurgents, apprehended 90 insurgents, and accepted the surrender of two cadres of NSCN (IM). The Bn's total losses in action were Capt Hemant Prem Kumar and Sep Mahesh Pandurang, while Lt Anshuman Srivastava and Sub Ramesh were wounded.

On 27 Dec 2001, the special train from Dimapur reached its destination in five days. After a day's break at Alwar (the peace location), the unit moved to Kainchia, Rajasthan, for Op Parakram and participated in Op Parakram I, II and III as part of 18 RAPID/2 Corps. On 20 Aug 2002, Col BS Raju took over command. While in the op area, the Bn won the Div RL and MMG competitions. The Bn received news of the heroic actions of Sep Sarwan Dukhiya (posted with 34 RR at the time), who was awarded the Kirti Chakra posthumously. On 29 Nov 2002, the Bn was de-inducted from Op Parakram to Alwar and prepared for its Silver Jubilee celebrations. In Feb 2003, the Silver Jubilee of raising was celebrated over three days, in a befitting manner, with the largest gathering of the Bn's serving and veterans attending. Maj Gen KK Khanna, COJR, was the Chief Guest.

During the next two yrs, the Bn won all competitions at the Bde and Div levels, with a wide lead to the runners-up, and was adjudged as the 18 RAPID Champion Bn for 2003 and 2004. The Bn also excelled in other competitions like innovation, gardening, band, and arboriculture.

On 07 Feb 2005, the Bn moved to Naugam (J&K) under 17 Inf Bde/19 Inf Div. Whilst the move was halted in Pathankot due to heavy snowfall leading to the premature closure of Banihal Pass, the CO moved to Naugam by air along with a small Tac HQ. The Bn finally reached Jabra (Naugam) on 29 Mar 2005, taking operational responsibility in Jun 2005 by occupying many posts in HAA. Bn tasted its first success at Naugam on 29 Aug 2005, the last day of Col Raju's command, by killing nine infiltrators in a single op without any losses. This op per se was coordinated by Col SP Bhonsle, SM, who had just taken over the command. Capt Ashutosh Sharma was awarded the SM, while Lt Col Rajvir Sharma and Sub Hansraj received the COAS Commendation in this op. On 10 Oct 2005, in an op led by Maj RK Chemmala (Coy Cdr at Tungwali Bahaik), eight infiltrating terrorists were killed. Maj RK Chemmala was awarded the SM. For its performance in Naugam, the Bn received the GOC-in-C's Unit Appreciation.

On 26 Apr 2007, the Bn moved to Umroi Cantt under 24 Mtn Bde/21 Mtn Div. Col AK Bhardwaj took over on 05 Nov 2008. The Bn, excelling in all spheres, was adjudged the Best Bn in Sports and Professional Competitions. Bn's contingents under Capt Arpan Dixit and Capt Manas Pandey won the Best Marching Contingent Trophy at the Eastern Command Republic Day Parade in 2008 and 2010, respectively. During their tenure in Umroi, the Bn received one COAS Commendation and six GOC-in-C Commendations.

16 JAT

The Bn arrived at Cooch Behar in Mar 1999 under Col AKR Tripathy. Col Rajesh Anand, the 2IC, took over in May 1999. They conducted joint training with the Royal Bhutan Army at Paro. The Bn won the Firing, Ghatak and many sports competitions and organised a musical concert on the palace lawns of the Koch Kings, with the Regiment Military Band playing in tune with the fountains. In May 2001, the Bn conducted a presentation on the Pakistan Army for officers of the Binaguri Div.

For Op Parakram, 16 JAT moved to Rajasthan from Jan 2002 to Jul 2002. In Jul 2002, the Bn moved to J&K to assume operational responsibility in the Gurez sector on the second tier for counter-infiltration. Col Pradeep Narayanan took over in Oct.

During the Gurez tenure, 16 JAT conducted many successful ops. In an op led by Maj IJ Singh, SC, and Lt Saurabh Kundalia, two terrorists were killed. In another encounter, one terrorist was killed. Capt HS Manchanda led a patrol that killed five terrorists. L/Nk Anil Kumar was awarded the SC posthumously, and Maj IJ Singh, SC, was awarded the SM. The Bn received one M-in-D and three COAS Commendations. Overall, they neutralised 15 terrorists while three soldiers were killed in action. Col Pradeep Narayanan was awarded the SM, and the Bn was awarded the COAS Unit Citation in Jan 2005.



COL PRADEEP NARAYANAN, SM AND SUB MAJ LALA RAM RECEIVING THE UNIT CITATION FROM THE COAS IN 2005

From Gurez, 16 JAT moved to Delhi in Oct 2004. Col Pradeep Narayanan, SM, was nominated to attend the HC Course, and Col IJ Singh, SC, SM, took over in Jun 2006. Lt Ashish Mehta, graduating from the IMA with the Sword of Honour and the Gold Medal, was commissioned into the Bn in Jun 2006. In Aug 2007, the Bn moved to Chowkibal, rapidly developing an effective intelligence network.

In Oct 2007, the Bn eliminated six foreign terrorists. In an op led by Shri Anurag, Assistant Commandant, a BSF officer on attachment with the Bn, eliminated six foreign terrorists. The officer was wounded in action and was awarded the SC. Sep Suresh was awarded the Kirti Chakra in this op. A total of one KC, one SC, two SMs and five GOC in-Cs Commendations were awarded for this operation.

The Bn conducted many other Intelligence based operations and was successful in eliminating a large number of hardcore terrorists. The Bn also conducted medical camps for people in remote areas. They provided relief when heavy rains damaged houses in a village. Officers who received gallantry awards were Lt PS Chundawat, awarded the SC; Lt Ishwar Singh Rawat, awarded the SM and Bar to SM; and Lt Abhishek Bahl, awarded the SM.

In an op lasting 19 days, the Bn eliminated 11 foreign terrorists without suffering losses. However, the Bn lost two of its best JCOs, Sub Krishan and Sub Ranbir Singh, in another op in which six militants were neutralised. Lt Gen Bikram Singh, the Corps Cdr, remarked,

"The Bn in which JCOs lead from the front and are ready to lay down their lives must be something special".

Col DS Murthy, SC, SM, from 7 JAT, took over in Jul 2009. On 21 Mar 2010, on intelligence inputs, Capt IS Rawat took a team and searched the area for seven days before locating their footprints in the snow shooting down five terrorists without suffering any casualty in the op. Hav Vijaypal Singh was awarded the SC.

For its outstanding performance in Chowkibal from Aug 2007 to Nov 2010, the Bn was awarded its second COAS Unit Citation on 15 Jan 2011. 41 personnel received gallantry awards; one KC, four SC, one Bar to SM, ten SMs, one M-in-D, four COAS and twenty GOC-in-C Commendations.



COL DS MURTY, SC, SM AND SUB MAJ SUKHBIR SINGH RECEIVING THE COAS UNIT CITATION

17 JAT

After earning laurels in Op Vijay, the Bn moved to Lucknow in Feb 2000 for a well-deserved peace posting under 41 Inf Bde/4 Inf Div. On its way, it was welcomed and given a barakhana at Udhampur by Col Arun Kumar, CO 114 TA (JAT) & ex-CO of the Bn. Lucknow station saw visits of dignitaries on multiple occasions when gallantry awardees of Op Vijay were honoured and felicitated. These included Shri George Fernandez, Defence Minister and Shri Suraj Bhan, Governor of UP.

On 05 Oct 2000, Col US Bawa, VrC, handed the baton to Col Anil Sharma and proceeded to Naval Higher Command Course at Mumbai. The Unit drill contingent participated in the UP state Republic Day parade, where the marching of the contingent spell bounded everyone. The Bn celebrated its 35th raising day and continued to set the benchmark in various sports and professional competitions at the Div level besides participating in multiple exercises.

The Bn mobilised for Op Parakram, arriving in Pathankot on 25 Dec 2001. Maj Gen KK Khanna, COJR, visited the unit at its Op location. The Bn returned to Lucknow on 09 May 2002 and prepared for its ensuing Sikkim tenure. In May 2003, the Bn was inducted in North Sikkim. On 25 Jun 03, Col HS Madan took over from Col Anil Sharma. Located at Milestone 13 and Nathula Pass, it was visited by a host of civil and military dignitaries. Bn HQ later moved to Bunker at 16500 ft. The Bn continued to dominate sports and professional competitions like Basketball, Volleyball, X Country, Minelaying, Ghatak, ARA, Handball, Kabaddi and Wrestling at Div and Command level to win the Championship Banner of 17 Mtn Div. In Nov 2004, it de-inducted to Kalimpong under 164 Mtn Bde. The Bn participated in the op alert and carried out regular Long Range Patrols during this period. It conducted Eastern Command Young Lion Adventure cum Summer Camp for children at Pedong and was visited by the Governor of West Bengal during this period. Bn also got an opportunity to conduct Indo-US Joint training at CIJW School, Vairengte.

On 05 Jul 05, the Bn was conferred with the Battle Honour “Mashkoh” and the Theatre Honour “Kargil” for its performance, sacrifices and achievements during Op Vijay. The Bn won the 17 Mtn Div Banner for the second time. On 10 Mar 2006, Col Deepak Rampal, VrC, took command. On 28 May 06, the Bn’s “Mashkoh Mavericks” jazz band under Hav Somveer Payal was instituted.

On 11 Aug 2006, the Bn moved to Samba under 168 Inf Bde/29 Inf Div. After pre-induction training at Bhalra, the Bn was located on NH 1A, with its operational area on the DCB sector of Sinki, Galar, Sadoh and Suchetgarh. The Bn was visited by Lt Gen B S Nagal, GOC 9 Corps and COJR. Bn celebrated its first Battle Honour and Theatre Honour Day at Samba with many of the war veterans, Veernaris and all ranks who participated in Op Vijay. On 27 Sep 08 Col PS Janghu took over. The Bn organised a light and sound show d on Op Vijay at JAT Regiment Centre, Bareilly. It continued to excel in sports and professional competitions to win the Best Bn Banner of 29 Inf Div. Amidst all these came the news of the selection of Bn for the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Sudan. The Bn moved to Khanpur Camp, Delhi, on 02 Jan 10, for preparations and onward induction in UNMIS. A get-together of all the retired and serving JAT officers organised at Naraina Mess was attended by Lt Gen SK Sinha, Lt Gen BS Nagal, GOC-in-C Strategic Forces Command, and the COJR. The first batch’s flight with the CO left Delhi airport for induction into UNMIS on 14 May 2010.

18 JAT

In Oct 2000, the Bn moved from Batalik to Delhi under Col Jai Gopal. Col Dhirender Singh took over command in Feb 2001. On 13 Dec 2001, when Pakistani terrorists attacked the Indian Parliament, 18 JAT was the first Army responders to restore the situation. Col Dhirendra Singh recalls the quick action of the Bn during the Parliament attack:

“The speedy reaction shown by the Bn was possible only because of the command and control exercised by the Junior Leaders and their interest towards the operational readiness of the Bn. The condition of weapons, ammunition and other stores being immaculate, we could focus on our task and not on anything else.”

After its tenure in the Capital, the Bn moved to Naushera in Aug 2003, deploying in Jhangar under heavy enemy shelling. Col AN Jha took over in Apr 2004. The Bn ensured zero infiltration through their area without losses in the LC fire engagements. The Bn organised a demonstration on the measures enhancing the defence potential of the new LC fence (AIOS) for the COAS. In May 2006, the unit moved to its new peace location, Dehradun, as part of 116 Inf

Bde and lifted the Trophy of Inter-Bn Sniper Firing and Basketball Competitions. In Dec 2006, Col K Somashankar took over command after his tenure as a SO to the COJR for over two and a half years.

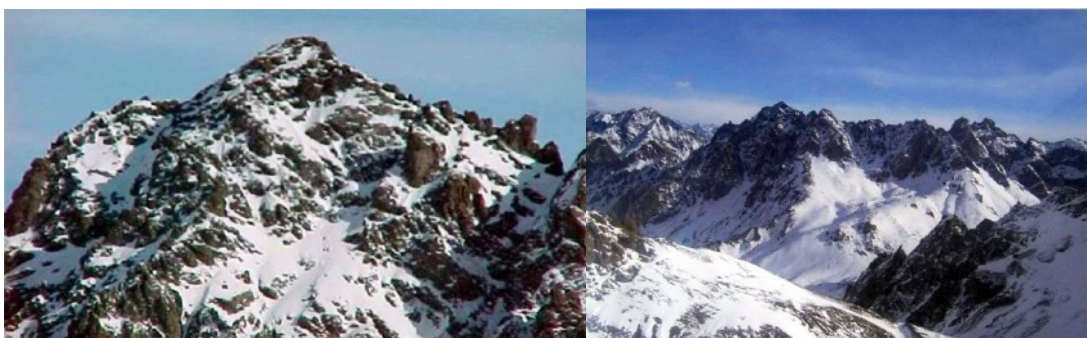
The Bn won the Div Banner for its overall performance in sports and professional competitions. The Ghataks, led by Capt Gaurav Garg, won the Div Ghatak Trophy. A trekking expedition led by Capt TS Khatri through the Garhwal Hills terminated on 01 Oct 2007, the raising day.

The Bn was tasked to beef up security at IMA. Regimental meets to welcome Young Officers commissioned into the Regiment were regularly organised and attended by the ex-COJRs Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, Lt Gen HB Kala, and Lt Gen KK Khanna, living in Dehradun.

In May 2009, the Unit moved to Dibrugarh under 181 Mtn Bde. In Oct, Col Deepak Joshi took over the Bn. In Nov, a team led by Lt Col Kartikeyan Rao was nominated in support of a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) during the joint field activity between the US and Indian Governments, for which Lt Col Kartikeyan Rao was awarded a certificate of Commendation.

19 JAT

19 JAT was deployed on the LC in Dras. Pt 5070 was the most dominating feature in their sector, which dominated Gultari village and Gultari nala in POK. One Class 9 track connected Dras to Kil, the Bn HQ. Pakistan's 10 NLI was deployed at Gultari opposite. In May 2002, 19 JAT was tasked to capture Pt 5070.



PT 5070 NOW BALWAN

PT 5070 SEEN FROM A DISTANCE

Lt Col Sunder Singh, the CO, employed the Ghatak Platoon, trained by Maj Sanjay Bose, into two assault teams led by Lt Ankur Sharma and Lt Deepak Sirohi. A Coy under Maj Srikrishna was in reserve and provided fighting porters for the mission. Finalisation of the route and rehearsals commenced on 16 May. On the night of 24/25 May 2002, Lt Ankur Sharma, L/Nk Vikas and Sep Jagwant Singh advanced and occupied Pt 5070, and the rest of the team followed. A Coy then occupied Pt 5070 in strength with support weapons and arty OP. The enemy reacted on 28 May with heavy and continuous arty fire followed by two counterattacks that were beaten back. Holding the post through the winter was a far more significant achievement than the capture. The post was named BALWAN. The COJR visited the Bn soon after that. The Bn lost five OR killed in action. Nineteen civil porters, three JCOs and 18 OR were wounded.

Lt Col Sunder Singh was awarded the YSM. Lt Ankur Sharma, Maj Nitin Khare and Sep Jagwant Singh were awarded SMs. N/Sub Jagdish Kumar was awarded M-in-D. Eighteen personnel, including four officers and a JCO, received COAS Commendations. Three OR received GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn was awarded the COAS Unit Citation.



LT COL SUNDER SINGH, YSM AND SUB MAJ RECEIVING THE UNIT CITATION FROM THE COAS

After their glorious tenure in Mashkoh Valley, 19 JAT moved to Meerut, where they trained for offensive operations in the plains. Col Atul Parmar took over the Bn in Aug 2005 from Col Sunder Singh, YSM. The Ghatak team was adjudged the best in the Corps and second best in Western Command. 19 JAT celebrated its Silver Jubilee of Raising in 2005. The Bn moved to Suratgarh in Jun 2006 and trained for their new operational role. Col Nitin Khare, SM, took over from Col Parmar in Sep 2007 and moved the Bn to Kaksar in Jul 2009.

20 JAT

Col Rajesh Ahuja took over on 05 Mar 2001 as the 6th CO. While the unit was deployed in East Sikkim, it successfully dominated the LAC. Apart from excelling in its op duties, the Bn commenced training of specialist platoons, the Bn small arms firing team, Ghatak pl and MT drivers. The Bn was de-inducted from HAA to Rhenock to complete the remainder of its tenure and moved to Meerut in Mar 2003. The unit was trained for its new operational tasks and excelled in sports and professional competitions.

Col SK Narain, SM, from 2 JAT, took over command in May 2004 at Meerut. The Bn won the Best Bn Trophy in the Div for its overall performance. Capt AK Singh led a 15-member white-water rafting expedition during the tenure. While at Meerut, they hosted the Regiment's veterans who travelled from Delhi for the JORA meets at Bareilly.

In Dec 2005, the Bn moved to Dahung, Tenga, Arunachal Pradesh, and deployed for Op Falcon on the LAC with Col Jayesh Badola taking over command on 05 Jul 2006. The Bn's columns deployed at Mahmora and Sonari in Charaideo District of Assam to assist in conducting assembly elections in Apr and May. The Bn was adjudged the Best Bn in the Div besides winning the Eastern Command Adventure Cup in Feb 2006.

In Jul 2008, 20 JAT moved to Suratgarh under 170 Inf Bde/24 Inf Div. The following month, Col SS Sahi took over command from Col Jayesh Badola. Maj UP Singh led the Mortar Platoon winning the Div Competition and was adjudged the Best MFC. The Bn were runners-up in the NCFSC Champion for 2008-09 and won the Div Small Arms Firing in 2010.

21 JAT

Col Anuj Kainthla took over from Col Jayesh Saini in Dec 2000 at Alwar and moved the Bn to Kupwara in Oct 2001. The Bn deployed across the Shamshabari Range in the Pharkian Gali sector from Oct 2001 to Nov 2003. The Bn had the dual role of dominating the LC and counter-infiltration. During their tenure, the Bn eliminated 40 terrorists. They also provided logistic support to the Engineers constructing the AIOS (Anti Infiltration Obstacle System). On 02 Aug 2002, in an exchange of fire across the LC at Gogaldhar, Maj Sylvester was killed in action while extricating a line party. Nk Swaran Singh was awarded the SC for his heroic act in an op at Shamshabari Range on night 07-08 Oct 2002. In addition, the Bn earned ten SMs, one VSM, one M-in-D, nine COAS and nine GOC-in-C Commendations. While 12 personnel were wounded during this tenure, there were no other fatal casualties besides Maj Sylvester. On 15 Jan 2004, the Unit was awarded COAS Unit Citation.



COL ANUJ KAINTHLA, VSM, & SUB MAJ (HONY CAPT) RAJ SINGH RECEIVING THE COAS UNIT CITATION ON 15 JAN 2004

The Unit moved to Jaipur in Dec 2003. The unit announced its arrival by winning Small Arms Firing Support Weapons Firing, Wrestling, Boxing & Kabaddi championships at the Div level. Col Arun Nair took over on 05 Aug 2004. Lt Gen KK Khanna, AVSM**, the COJR, visited the Bn and was given a Guard of Honour commanded by Capt Vikram Sandhu.

The Bn moved to Dhubri, Assam, in Jun 2006, with Col JS Shekhawat taking over on 10 Aug 2006. Through their Assam tenure up to Jul 2009, the Bn killed 12 ULFA militants, obtained the surrender of another 12 and apprehended 408 without any own casualties. They were awarded one SC, three SMs, one VSM, four M-in-Ds, nine COAS and twelve GOC-in-C Commendations. Col JS Shekhawat, SC, the CO, was awarded the VSM in 2009.

In Jul 2009, the Bn moved to Shahjahanpur under 167 Inf Bde/23 Inf Div. The Bn holds a Guinness World Record for planting 4,47,874 saplings by a team of 300 persons in a 24 hours cycle on 13 Jun 2009 at the Shriram Reserve Forest, Dhubri.



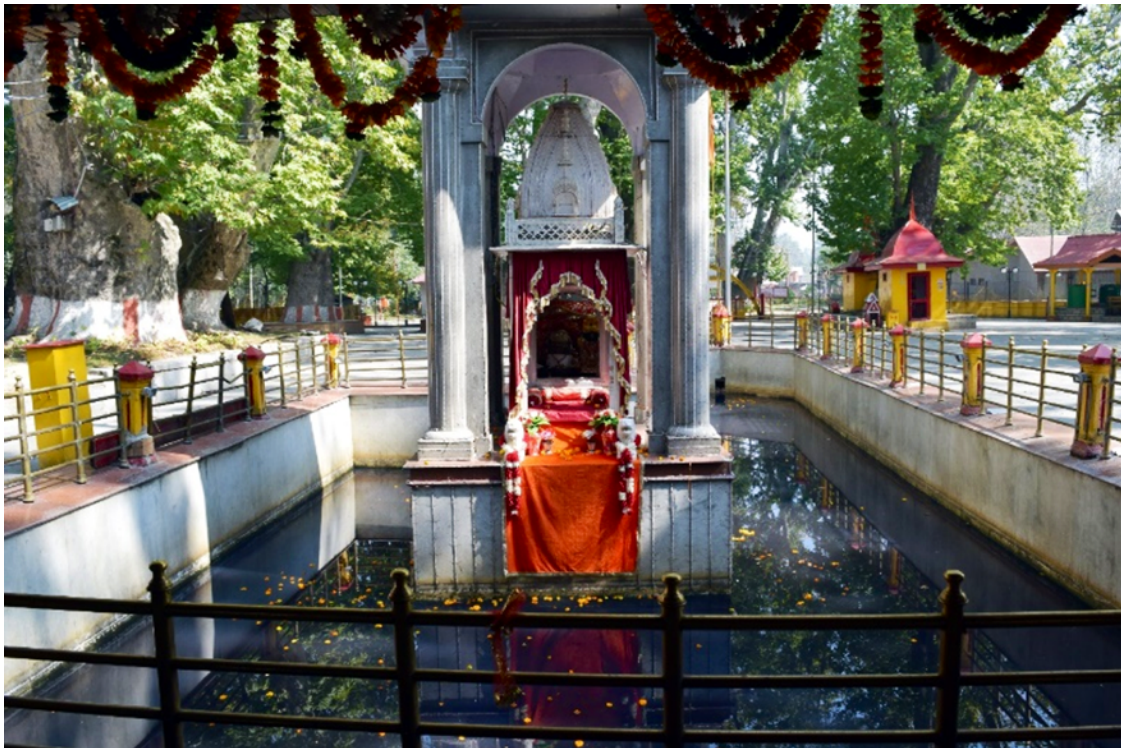
GROUP PHOTO OF UNIT PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RECORD CREATING PLANTATION DRIVE AT SHRIRAM RESERVE FOREST (DHUBRI)

In 2010, the Bn was conferred the prestigious Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar by the Ministry of Environment for making a remarkable contribution to improving the environment and ecology.

5 RR

In May 1999, the Bn moved from Isodur to Ganderbal under 3 Sect RR/CIF (V). The first two COs of this decade were Col AV Garde from 3 JAT, taking over command in Sep 1999 and handing over to Col Purushottam Singh from 16 JAT in Jun 2001. The Ganderbal Constituency gained importance when Shri Omar Abdullah decided to contest the Assembly elections from this constituency in 2002. Ganderbal area remained an island of peace in the Valley. The 2002 elections enhanced the people's faith in the Indian democratic system when Ganderbal recorded 45% voting against Srinagar's 11.4%. The absence of terrorist-related incidents and the degree

of normalcy restored in the area from 2001 to 2003 was remarkable. From the end of 2001 to the end of 2003, there were no terrorist-initiated actions in the 5 RR area of responsibility. There were no casualties, including civilians, during this period.



KHEER BHAWANI TEMPLE GANDERBAL 2002

Eight thousand villagers of the Bn's area attended Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's rally in Srinagar on 18 Apr 2003. Signal Intelligence of the formation confirmed that terrorist transmissions in the area were reduced by over 95 per cent. There were no minority killings. The attendance, from other parts of the country, during festivals at Kheer Bhawani Mata temple significantly increased to ten thousand pilgrims. Based on the CO's assurances, the civil administration increased the number of pilgrims on the Baltal route to the Amarnath Cave to fifteen hundred. Intelligence-based and people-friendly ops were prioritised over killing or capturing terrorists to achieve this normalcy. The Bn carried out extensive domination of the hinterland along the Harmukh and Mahadeo Ridge, eliminating 29 militants, accepting the surrender of 50 and recovering 76 weapons with ammunition, stores and cash of Rs 2 lakh over the period of 07 days without any losses. The Bn also killed the longest surviving local terrorist, Hamid Gada of Tulamal village, of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) for North Kashmir. The GOC decided to increase the Bn's area of responsibility. The Bn took over three additional company areas from neighbouring RR Bns, increasing its area of responsibility from 66 villages to 106 villages.

Col AK Pandey of 14 JAT assumed command in Jan 2004 and steered the battalion through Jun 2006 when he handed over to Col Vivek Sharma from 16 JAT. The Bn remained deployed on a six-point deployment. In the same period, the Bn eliminated 11 terrorists without own or civilian losses. They constructed a footbridge over a stream to connect villages and a stadium named after a battle casualty, Sep Shabbir of PARA (SF). To keep the youth engaged, the Bn

carried out Op Sadbhavana projects. They also helped the civil administration safely conduct the Amarnath Yatra every year.

From 10 to 18 Sep 2006, the Bn organised visits of 150 local students to Delhi, Agra and Dehradun, where JAT bns were located. The visit included sorties in microlight aircraft at IMA, where Lt Gen KK Khanna, the COJR, was Commandant. Lt Gen SK Sinha, the Governor, invited a group to the Raj Bhawan at Srinagar. In Jul 2009, Col AK Butail from 17 JAT took over command, and the Bn continued to carry out people-friendly ops in the area. Col AK Pandey and Col Vivek Sharma were awarded the VSM in 2007 and 2009, respectively. The Bn was honoured with eight SMs, twenty-five COAS and Eighteen GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn took fourteen battle casualties while performing its duties during this decade.

34 RR

Col P Shashidharan, from 16 GUARDS, took over on 25 Mar 2000. On 11/12 Sep 2000, six terrorists attacked the Bn HQ. In the attack, Maj MK Pandey, Sub Maj Ranbir Singh, N/Sub Surja Ram and eight OR were killed in action. Two terrorists were killed, while the others escaped. Col RPS Sandhu from 3 JAT took over in Jan 2001 and commanded up to Aug 2003. Maj Madhur Goyal joined in Jan 2002 and became 2IC in Apr on posting out of Lt Col SB Bodhe.

In Oct 2002, in search of four villages based on specific intelligence, Sep Sarwan Kumar eliminated four terrorists. Severely wounded and evacuated to 92 Base Hospital, he succumbed to his injuries. Ten terrorists, including two district commanders, were killed in this operation. Sep Sarwan Kumar Dhukiya from 15 JAT was posthumously awarded the KC. Hav Rajvir Singh, from 3 JAT, was awarded SC, Maj Madhur Goyal was awarded SM, and two others received COAS Commendations.

In Jan 2004, the Bn conducted three operations in mosques. While one armed terrorist each was neutralised in the first two, three armed terrorists were killed in the third operation at village Danas. These ops were conducted skilfully without damaging the mosques. Col RPS Sandhu and Maj Madhur Goyal were both awarded SM. The Bn eliminated 32 terrorists during this period. Some other officers who led several successful operations were Maj Ajith Kumar and Capt AS Sajwan, SM.

Col Daljit Singh commanded 34 RR from Aug 2003 to Jan 2006. Col Harjinder Singh commanded up to Jul 2008. An account of significant operations launched during the decade is given below.

On 14 Mar 2005, Maj Shobhit Tiwari led a column for a search of village Zandoal. One terrorist hiding inside a house tried to escape at first light. On being challenged by Maj Tiwari, the terrorist who had concealed his weapon opened fire and hit Maj Shobhit Tiwari and his radio operator. Maj Tiwari fired, injuring the terrorist, who was later killed. The officer was evacuated to 92 Base Hospital but succumbed to his injuries. Maj Shobhit Tiwari was awarded SM.

Based on Intelligence about the presence of six terrorists in the village of Gulab Dazi, an operation was launched on 14 Dec 2005. At approximately 0530 hrs, six terrorists hiding in a house opened fire when the cordon was tightened. Own troops engaged the terrorists. In the firefight, all six terrorists were killed.

On 18 Jun 2007, Maj Shatrujeet Kotwal learnt of the presence of a divisional commander of LeT with some armed terrorists in the village Mirpura. Leading a small team, the officer established contact with the terrorists and killed three terrorists. Later, the terrorist was

identified as Furkan, a divisional commander of LeT. Maj Shatrujeet Kotwal was awarded the KC.

In another op launched on 02 Oct 2007, two small teams of 34 RR came under heavy fire from terrorists hiding in village Ringawari. They were reinforced by two teams of Ghataks led by Maj KP Vinay and Maj DR Raman.

Maj KP Vinay killed two terrorists but sustained severe injuries and could not withdraw. Maj DR Raman pinned down two more terrorists and extricated Maj KP Vinay and two OR. Maj KP Vinay succumbed to his injuries. Maj Raman, too, sustaining severe injuries, was evacuated by helicopter to Base Hospital, Srinagar, where he succumbed to his injuries.



MAJ DR RAMAN, AC

The CO reached the village and reorganised his troops. At approximately 2230 hrs, Maj NC Gairola saw three terrorists running from a house into a nala. The officer pursued and eliminated two terrorists, for which he was awarded SM.

Maj Aditya Verma, on leave at Srinagar, headed for the area of operations in a taxi. The next day the officer cleared five houses by lobbing stun grenades. The Officer cleared all booby traps laid by terrorists. During the search, one terrorist hiding in a maize field fired at the officer. However, Maj Aditya Verma shot him from close quarters. He was awarded SM. Nine

foreign terrorists were killed in this operation, where the Bn lost two brave officers. Maj DR Raman and Maj KP Vinay were awarded the AC and KC posthumously.

During the decade, 34 RR eliminated 122 terrorists. They received one AC, four KCs, one SC, seventeen SMs, one M-in-D, and several commendations.

45 RR

45 RR Bn (JAT) was raised on 01 Aug 2001 at Bareilly by Lt Col SD Mehta from 11 JAT. The Bn was inducted into J&K after training at Sarol and was deployed at Jarawali Gali in Mar 2002 for Road Opening and Protection tasks of Road Jarawali Gali - Surankot - Kalai. In Aug, the CO was promoted to Col and Maj Sujit Narain, SM of 2 JAT was the 2IC. In Apr 2003, the Bn's AOR was extended to areas North of the Suran river, where most of the ops were conducted up to the Pir Panjal range while the Bn HQ moved to Surankot in Aug. During Col Mehta's command, the Bn killed 39 terrorists and accepted the surrender of six. The Bn lost Sub Jai Singh (7 JAT), Nk Md Zummorad (9 JAKLI), Sep Anil Kumar (2 JAT), Sep Bhim Singh (3 JAT) and Sep Babu Lal Poonia (4 JAT). The Bn was awarded two SCs, seven SMs, including the CO, and ten COAS Commendations. Surankot witnessed incident-free polls in this decade.

Col Anit Kaura from 5 JAT took over as CO in Jul 2004, with Maj GK Jha from 15 JAT joining as 2IC the next month. During Col Kaura's tenure, the Bn killed 15 terrorists. Sep Subhash Chand and Sep Raj Singh, both from 16 JAT, were killed in action. The Bn was awarded seven COAS and five GOC-in-C Commendations.

Col Jojan Thomas from 11 JAT took over command in Dec 2006 at Surankot. In Feb 2007, Maj S Patwardhan from 6 JAT took over as 2IC. In Mar 2008, the Bn moved to the Machhal sector in a counter-infiltration role. On 22 Aug 2008, the CO led Op Nao Nar, killing eight terrorists. During the op, Col Jojan Thomas was killed in action after killing two terrorists. He was posthumously awarded the AC. The Bn was also awarded two SCs, four SMs, one M-in-D, one COAS Commendation and ten GOC-in-C Commendations in Op Nao Nar. During his command, the Bn killed a total of 13 terrorists. Sep Naveen Kumar (78 Med Regiment), Sep Sultan Singh Jat (12 JAT), Sep Dharamvir Singh (14 JAT) and Sep Ram Lal (274 Med Regiment) were killed in action.



MRS BEENA THOMAS RECEIVING THE ASHOK CHAKRA



COL JOJAN THOMAS, AC

Col Shekhar Gupta of 9 JAT took command on 12 Oct 08. Bn continued relentless ops recovering war-like stores. In Op Galiawala, Sep Man Singh (12 JAT) and Sep Mukesh Bhaskar (98 Fd Regiment) were killed in action.

61 RR

61 RR was raised at Bareilly on 01 Jul 2004 by Lt Col Sanjeev Dogra of 16 JAT and Sub Maj Surajbhan Singh. The COJR, Lt Gen KK Khanna, did the first flag hoisting on 11 Jul 2004. The Bn carried out some valuable training in the Kumaon hills during the raising period.



TRAINING IN THE KUMAON HILLS

61 RR moved from Bareilly in May 2005 and was initially deployed to provide security and help coordinate the movement of pilgrims on the Baltal Route to the Holy Amarnath Cave. The Bn had the opportunity to host the VCOAS, the Union Home Minister, and the Chief Minister of J&K. The Bn moved for training at Bhalra and then deployed at Mahore in Udhampur District in Oct 2005.

On 10 Feb 06, on an op based on intelligence inputs of CIF (U) and the Electronic Warfare Detachment at HQ 15 Sect RR, the Bn killed an HM terrorist. Hav Virpal Singh and No Sep Kirodi Mal, both from 18 JAT, were killed in this action. On 22 Feb, Gdsm Rakesh Kumar Gupta, from 18 GUARDS, was killed in an op in Sumawali. On 03 Sep, an ambush party from Shajru came under a grenade attack at Kalewa Bend in which Sep Yogender Singh of 20 JAT was killed.

On 24 Aug 2009, in an op in Hajjam Nagar, a LeT terrorist was gunned down by Gdsm Ajay Singh. During the same op, Gdsm Sunil Kumar, of 10 Guards, was killed at close range in a maize field but not before snatching the terrorist's weapon.

Col Sanjeev Dogra handed over command to Col Jasjit in Feb 2010. The Bn was awarded Unit Appreciation by GOC-in-C Northern Command in 2010.

114 Inf Bn (TA)

114 Inf Bn (TA) moved to Srinagar under Col Jyotirmoy Ghoshal in Sep 2001 and operated with 2 and 29 Bns RR. In one such operation, four foreign terrorists were killed. During Op Parakram in 2002, the Bn protected National Highway in the 16 Corps Zone. The Governor of J&K awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the Bn for keeping the National Highway incident-free. Col SB Chavan took over 114 Inf Bn (TA) in Aug 2005, and the Bn was deployed in Udhampur Sect. They returned to Fatehgarh in Mar 2008.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

By
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

I highly commend the good work done

*by 114 JAT (TA) REGT., towards ensuring
the security of the highly successful Holy
Yatra of Shri Amarnathji from 12 July to
12 August, 2003.*

*Given at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar on the
15th day of August 2003*

*Lt. Gen. (Retd.) S. K. Sinha, PVSM
Governor of Jammu & Kashmir
And*

Chairman Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board

151 Inf Bn (TA)

151 Inf Bn (TA) JAT was raised on 10 Sep 2001 at Muzaffarpur in Bihar based on six rifle coys. Col AK Gupta, the CO, took over the Bn in Dec 2001. The coys were deployed at Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Udhampur. The Bn provided flood relief in the Gopalganj, Darbhanga, Benipur and Samastipur areas of Bihar in Jul 2002. From Muzaffarpur, in Sep 2003, the Bn moved to Udhampur, where they won the Sub Area Firing Competition in 2005. Col Arun Kumar took over the Bn in Mar 2005 and commanded till Apr 2006. Thereafter, Col LK Rampal and Col KS Saini commanded the Bn.

Col AK Rohilla, SM, took over in Sep 2009. The Bn won the COAS Silver Trophy for the Year 2009 -10.

The Bn had 107 acres of land in the heart of Muzaffarpur, some of which had been encroached by the public living nearby dumping garbage on this ground. After adequate and repeated warnings and with the assistance of the Chief of Staff, HQ Central Command, the Bn used tractors to clear up the area, constructed a children's park with a walking plaza and planted ornamental and fruit trees after evicting encroachments on Defence Land.

The Bn's conduct of an ex-servicemen rally at Darbhanga AF Station, which was 120 km away, was appreciated by the Army Cdr.



ATTESTATION PARADE IN 151 INF BN (TA)

In Dec 2009, the Bn won the IT competition in Central Command. They also won Mortar, MMG, Football and Basketball competitions. To improve Skill at Arms, the Bn procured two air rifles and fabricated an indoor shooting range.



151 INF BN (TA) RECEIVING THE CENTRAL COMMAND TA BANNER FOR THE SECOND TIME

Unit Citation and Appreciation

During the decade of 2000, the following bns received Unit Citations/Appreciations:

2003	6 JAT	COAS
	7 JAT	COAS
	19 JAT	COAS
	114 TA	GOC 27 Mtn Div
	114 TA	Governor of J&K
2004	21 JAT	COAS
2005	4 JAT	GOC-in-C
	16 JAT	COAS
2006	11 JAT	GOC-in-C
2007	4 JAT	GOC-in-C
2008	3 JAT	GOC-in-C
	15 JAT	GOC-in-C
2008	21 JAT	COAS
2009	34 RR	GOC-in-C
2010	61 RR	GOC-in-C

Chapter 8

The Decade of Opportunities and Hope - 2010s

General

In the decade commencing 2010, four bns of the Jat Regiment served overseas on UN peacekeeping missions. These were 17, 16, 21 and 11, in that order. Lt Gen Rajiv Bhalla, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, served as the Col of the Jat Regiment from Dec 2010 to Sep 2015. Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) SK Saini, YSM, VSM, took over the colonelcy on 01 Oct 2015 and handed over to Lt Gen BS Raju, AVSM, YSM, in Feb 2021.

On the LC, the situation was “No War, No Peace”. Professional and sports competitions occupied the minds of most bns in peace and even in many operational areas. The peacetime regional commands commenced awarding Unit Appreciation for performance in peace stations, which earlier was awarded in operational areas only. Many RR Bns are now used for tasks other than counter-terrorism. Though the number of militants/terrorists reported in J&K is far less than the figures reported in the first few years of the millennium, the situation in the disturbed areas has been far from normal. In 2019, the State of J&K was reorganised into two union territories: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Article 370 of the Indian Constitution was abrogated. Acts of terrorism have reduced considerably after that.

2 JAT (Mooltan) celebrated its Bicentenary in 2017. Units raised in the 1960s celebrated their golden jubilees of raising. 20 JAT, 21 JAT and 34 RR celebrated silver jubilees. The programmes included Mandir functions, wreath laying, Special Sainik Sammelans, and meals in JCOs’ and officers’ messes. In peace areas, units held picnics, meals hosted by COs, and Pagal gymkhanas. A few units released First Day Covers. In all cases, many serving personnel and veterans attended, and widows of respective bns were honoured. Impressive silver trophies were procured and presented to the messes. Ceremonial parades were organised in a few units.

The ATGM, Spike, is now being introduced as sector stores.

Automation of clerical tasks improved documentation within the units and in JAT Records at Bareilly. Gradually, the pay was sent directly to banks, and the monthly Pay Parades became obsolete by 2010.

Also, with the improvement of mobile phone services, communications improved manifold. These came to be used by commanders and nearly all jawans. This has had a tremendous impact on facilitating command and control, welfare, and administration. The Army took steps to upgrade information security and safeguard personnel against hostile propaganda.

In this Chapter, the UN missions are covered first before describing the activities of all other Bns in sequence.

Readers may find this chapter a wee bit shorter than some previous chapters. This is for three reasons. There has been no major armed conflict with any adversary during the decade; even internal conflicts were of lower intensity. Two, some recent events, particularly on the LAC, are far too close to forming part of history. Three, security considerations restrict reporting of locations and activities of units in the last few years.

UN Missions

17 JAT

During the decade, the first Bn to serve overseas was 17 JAT, which had won the Battle Honour 'Mashkoh' in Op Vijay. Col PS Janghu, a second-generation officer, was the CO who led the Bn in Sudan. The Bn was inducted into Kadugli, as Force Reserve Bn for its operational deployment, in UNMIS under the UN mandate replacing 3/5 GR. The Bn HQ was located in Kadugli with COB/TOBs under A Coy at Abyei, B Coy at Agok, C Coy at Juba and D Coy at Wau. The tenure highlights include visits of several dignitaries; prominent amongst these being Shri AK Pandey, Indian Ambassador in Sudan. Mr Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa, Mr Haile Mackerios, and Mr Toerra Buyoya, the former President of Burundi.



17 JAT ON PARADE

In Sudan, the Bn participated in a parade on UN Peacekeeping Day. Two Medal Parades were held, during which band displays, march pasts and weapon displays were organised. Since a referendum was in progress, there was turmoil in Sudan. Finally, on 09 Jul 2011, South Sudan became a free nation, and 17 JAT became part of its history, keeping the peace between the two states. The Bn was awarded the Force Commander's Citation. In Jul 2011, the Bn de-inducted to Khanpur Camp, New Delhi and prepared to move to Kissan in the upper reaches of the Kashmir valley.

16 JAT

The next Bn to serve abroad was 16 JAT in Congo. On 20 Sep 2012, the first group was inducted under Col Premanku Ghosh. They took over operational responsibility on 01 Oct.

Inspired and backed by the Indian troops, the Government Forces fought well. During a crisis in Goma Town, the Bn group kept the rebels in check. They also evacuated personnel of the UN, the local government and other organisations to safe areas.

The Bn was awarded the Force Cdr's Unit Citation within the first six months of their arrival. In Mar 2013, the Bn Group established an operating base at the village of Kanyaruchinya, near a rebel-controlled area.

The Bn trained their National Army personnel and provided logistics where required. They conducted two medical camps and three automotive training capsules for the locals.

The Bn obtained the surrender of 113 armed rebels. In recognition of its outstanding performance, 11 officers, 03 JCOs and 13 OR were awarded the Force Cdr's certificates of commendation and appreciation. 03 officers, 05 JCOs and 12 OR were awarded the Bde Cdr's certificates of appreciation. On completion of UN tenure, it was also awarded a Citation by the Governor of North Kivu Province.



OPERATING WITH MECHANISED FORCES

21 JAT

21 JAT was the third Bn that served overseas in this decade. 21 JAT Bn Group was inducted into Congo in Jan 2015 under 301 Inf Bde (North Kivu Bde), establishing operating bases at Mabenga and Tchengerero, and remained operational till Feb 2016. The Bn accepted the surrender of 114 rebels of various groups and was awarded the Force Cdr's Unit Citation.



21 JAT IN CONGO



OPERATING WITH MECHANISED FORCES

11 JAT

Based on their outstanding record, 11 JAT was selected to serve on a UN assignment in Lebanon. From Delhi, the Bn moved to Manesar to prepare for the UN mission. The first group of 11 JAT departed for its UN Mission on 17 Oct 2018. It was for the first time that a company of a foreign army, the Kazakhstan Army, was placed under the command of an Indian infantry bn. From Oct 2018 to Nov 2019, 11 JAT was twice awarded the Force Cdr's Letter of Appreciation for its contribution to peacekeeping duties. In Lebanon, the Bn received 24 Force Cdr's letters of commendation, 11 Letters of Appreciation, 44 Sector Commander Letters of Appreciation and 51 Sector Commander Letters of Commendation. Col Jeevan B, SC, was awarded the Lebanese Government's Medal of Military Valour and Silver Degree.



11 JAT IN LEBANON

Other Activities of the Bns

2 MECH INF (1 JAT LI)

On 15 Jun 2011, Col PS Bath took over the Command of the Bn from Col PS Joshi. An Indo-US joint exercise, EX YUDH ABHYAS, was conducted in Rajasthan from 05-18 Mar 2012, in which the Indian Army was represented by 2 MECH INF (1 JAT LI) with a squad from 3 PARA (SF) and an Engineer section. The Americans fielded their Strykers, Humvees and other equipment. While the Americans were keen to learn from our experience in CI, we were impressed by the sophistication of their radio-telephony procedures. Also, in comparison, we were less hesitant to fight dismounted.



EX YUDH ABHYAS

The Bn moved to Lalgarh Jattan in Jul 2013. In Nov 2014, the Bn celebrated the Centenary of Festubert Day. A road rally was conducted to cover Hissar, Rohtak, Delhi, Bhiwani, Mahendergarh and Jhunjhunu areas. Wreaths were laid at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate, New Delhi. Wreath Laying was also organised in the Bn, and a First Day Cover was released to commemorate the Battle fought in Nov 1914 (described in Part 1 of the Book).

In Jul 2013 unit moved from Bikaner to Lalgarh Jattan and came under 150 Armd Bde/18 Inf Div. Col Alok Tripathy took over from Col PS Bath on 20 Jul 2013. On 11 Sep 2013, Lt Gen NS Ghei, GOC 10 Corps, visited the unit at the flotation training site. On 05 Dec, Lt Gen Philip Campose, AVSM, VSM, GOC-in-C Western Command and Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment visited the unit.



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE FESTUBERT DAY 16 NOV 2014

Lt Gen Philip Campose, AVSM**, VSM, ADC, VCOAS, and Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment visited the unit to witness the Centenary Celebration of Festubert Battle Honour Day on 16 Nov 2014.

On 24 Feb 15, Lt Gen Arun Kumar Sahani, UYSM, SM, VSM, GOC-in-C, South Western Command visited the Bn. The Bn received the GOC-in-C's Unit Appreciation from Lt Gen Arun Kumar Sahni, UYSM, SM, VSM, GOC-in-C, South Western Command, at Hissar on 15 Jan 2016. On 04 Jun, Col Surjeet Singh Tanwar took over command. Lt Gen SK Saini, YSM, VSM, Commandant IMA, and COJR visited the unit on 18 Sep and addressed the troops during a special Sainik Sammelan. In Nov, the Unit moved from Lalgarh Jattan to Pathankot under 16 (I) Armd Bde/2 Corps. On 27 Jun 2017, Lt Gen SK Saini, YSM, VSM, GOC 9 Corps and COJR visited the unit.

On 22 Feb 19, while at the annual field firing at Mahajan, orders for mobilisation were received, as part of a mobilisation exercise Op Zaffran, in the wake of the terrorist attack on the CRPF convoy at Pulwama. The Bn reached Hariyal garrison on 26 Feb 19. Lt Gen SK Saini, AVSM, YSM, VSM, GOC-in-C Southern Command & COJR visited the Bn on 15 Apr 19. Col Prakash Prasad took over command on 14 Jun 2019 from Col SS Tanwar. Lt Gen PC Thimmaya, PVSM, VSM, GOC-in-C, ARTRAC & Col of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment visited on 26 Jun 2019.

The Bn got to serve in HAA (Eastern Ladakh) again after a gap of almost half a century. The advance party proceeded by road on 27 Jun 19 and was inducted to Tangste after Pre-induction Training on 22 Jul 2019. The unit's main body moved from Pathankot in three columns, reaching Tangste on 25 Aug 2019. The Bn deployed as a Quick Reaction Force at Galwan from 05 to 17 May 20, pushed back a Chinese patrol on 05 and 07 May 2020. The unit deployed with

a six-point deployment at the LAC at Tara, North Bank, Tsogt Salu, KM 120 SSN and Changla as part of Op Snow Leopard. On 17th May 2020, the unit received orders to mobilise all Mechanised Coys with their Infantry Combat Vehicles (ICV) to respective locations. The ICVs moved across the challenging track of Marsimik La pass at an altitude of 18,953 ft on the Hot Spring axis and the steep height of Mandir Mor to deploy in Qazi Langar (17,500 ft) and Gapshan (17,900 ft) adjacent to Rimo Glacier (first time in the history of Mechanised Forces) at temperatures dropping to 20 degrees below zero.



BN IN QRF ROLE AT THE GALWAN VALLEY; MOBILISATION OF MECHANISED COLUMNS



OPERATION SNOW LEOPARD

Lt Gen Harinder Singh, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, and GOC 14 Corps visited the unit at KS Hill on 07 Jul and 30 Sep. On 07 Oct 2020, Lt Gen Y K Joshi, UYSM, AVSM, VrC, SM, GOC-in-C Northern Command, visited the KS Hill location. On 11 Nov 20, Lt Gen PGK Menon, AVSM, GOC 14 Corps and Maj Gen Abhijit Bapat, GOC 3 Inf Div, visited the op area at Burtse.

2 JAT

From Sikkim, 2 JAT moved to Sunjuwan, Jammu under 36 Inf Bde/26 Inf Div in Feb 2010. Col HS Mavi took over in Jun. Lt Col Akhe Ram, MBE, passed away at 97. He had been the second Indian CO of the Bn from 09 Jul 1948 to 01 Nov 1951. Col HS Mavi went to Panipat to pay homage, as did many veterans of the Regiment.

At Sunjuwan, 2 JAT won most competitions in the Div. On winning the Small Arms Competition for three successive years, it was presented with a replica of the Division's trophy. Maj Ashish Gairola graduated from the DSSC, winning the Manekshaw Medal for standing first on the Staff Course.

In Apr 2013, the Bn moved to Rumlidhara, Naushera, under 80 Bde/25 Div, for its first tenure on the LC. In Jun, Col HS Mavi proceeded to the HC Course and Col Sumeet Rawat, from 16 JAT, took over the Bn. The Bn created a 24x7 seamless camera-based surveillance system later emulated by all other bns in the Div. The Bn's mountaineering team, led by Maj Ujjawal Gupta, summited Mt Zago Kangri (6650 mtr) in 2014 and Pt 6240, a virgin peak, on the Momushstang Glacier in 2015.

Col PK Mishra took over the Bn in Dec 2015 and moved the Bn to Jaipur in Mar 2016. Col Rawat attended the next HC Course. While at Jaipur, In Oct, the entire Bde was shifted to the still-developing Niwaru Military Station. At the time of shifting, they had exactly one year to prepare for the Bn's Bicentenary in Oct 2017. Preparations were completed enthusiastically and well on time.

Before the Bn's Bicentenary celebrations, a Cycle Rally of 20 participants was organised through Rajasthan, Haryana and UP states. The Bn mountaineering expedition team scaled Mt Bandarpunch (6316 mtr) in 2017. The Bn constructed the Nk Sispal, MVC, Memorial at Pt 3831 (Rohtak Tekri) in the Lam Sect in Naushera to honour those who had laid down their lives while recapturing Rohtak Tekri in 1948. Maj Gen Balbir Singh, YSM, laid a wreath on the memorial on 12 Apr 2017.

Col Ashish Gairola took over in Dec 2017. After a long time, a Mooltani officer handed over the baton to another. In Feb 2018, the Bn familiarised with the new operational role in the Deserts. The Bn continued to excel in all sports and professional competitions at the Div and Corps levels. The Bn mountaineering team summited Mt Satopanth (7075 mtr) on 13 Sep 2018. The team was honoured by Lt Gen SK Saini, GOC-in-C and COJR. This was the first mountaineering team of the Regiment to climb a peak over 7000 mtr. Maj Ujjawal Gupta was awarded the COAS Commendation. Sub Maj Balraj and eight OR received GOC-in-C Commendations. On 06 Mar 2019, at Niwaru, the Bn invited and honoured the oldest war widow, Smt Sarya Banu (aged 102 years), wife of Sep Taj Mohammed of the Bn, who was killed in action during WW II.



SMT SARYA BANU, AGED 102 YEARS, WIFE OF SEP TAJ MOHAMMED

For its performance at Jaipur and Niwaru, the Bn received the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation in 2019. The Bn had moved to Tangdhar as the Shararat Bn under 104 Mtn Bde/28 Div in May 2019.



COL ASHISH GAIROLA, CO 2 JAT, & SUB MAJ HAWA SINGH RECEIVING THE GOC-IN-C UNIT CITATION

The Bn volunteered for this location and relieved 20 JAT as part of one-to-one replacement at Jaipur and Tangdhar. Col Ashish Gairola commanded the first year of the field tenure, followed by Col SC Ray. Within a month of induction of the main body, the unit foiled the enemy's Border Action Team (BAT) attempted raid at Kanhai and punitively retaliated against the enemy's CFV at Jaal and Tent Complexes. Some of the achievements of the Mooltan Bn during the Tangdhar tenure were the successful foiling of all BAT attempts by the enemy, for which Capt Naveen was awarded the GOC-in-C Commendation. While the Bn did not incur any casualties in action, it lost one JCO and four Jawans to avalanches and the elements. The Bn was conferred with the COAS Citation on Army Day 2022.



COL SC RAY, CO 2 JAT, & SUB MAJ AJAD SINGH RECEIVING THE COAS CITATION

3 JAT

Located at Bani Machhedi, Kathua, since Jun 2011, the Bn won the Handball and Volleyball Championships. Col SZA Rizvi took over command of the Bn in Jul 2013.

In Sep 2014, 3 JAT moved to Tibri, where it won the Cambrian Patrol Competition all three years, besides the Div Mortar and Sniper Competitions. The Bn was awarded the Div Banner in 2015. In Sep 2015, the Bn participated in a seminar in Delhi to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Indo-Pak War of 1965, which veterans of the Battle of Dograi attended. The Prime Minister visited the Bn's Dograi Enclosure in the presence of the Bn's veterans of the Battle.



COL SZA RIZVI, CO 3 JAT, BRIEFING THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET MINISTERS

Lt Col Dewesh Wahi took over the Bn in Jun 2016. Next year, the Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation for their performance at Tibri. After Tibri, the Bn moved to Jhangar (Naushera) as part of 80 Inf Bde and 25 Inf Div on the LC during a volatile period. It carried out precision punitive engagements causing 24 fatal and 52 casualties besides considerable material damage to the enemy without any losses to the Bn. In addition, the Bn executed various projects under Op Sadbhavana and Border Area Development Projects (BADP). 19 Instructor gradings were obtained in Army courses in 2018-19. The Bn was awarded one Mention-in-Despatches, five COAS and twelve GOC-in-C Commendations. General Bipin Rawat, COAS, visited the Bn on 21 Jun 2019 to appreciate the Bn's performance. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C, Northern Command Unit Appreciation on Army Day 2020 at Udhampur. After its Jhangar tenure, the Bn moved to Meerut under 49 Inf Bde/22 Inf Div.

4 JAT

The Bn continued to oversee the Srinagar - Muzaffarabad bus service. Lt Gen K T Parnaik, GOC-in-C Northern Command, accompanied by Lt Gen S A Hasnain, GOC 15 Corps, visited Kathi Post on 23 Jan 2011. The next day, Col Rajesh Sethi, SM, handed over command to Col Veeresh Thapar. The customary exchange of sweets with the Pakistan Army took place on Republic Day at Kaman Aman Setu. This bridge was damaged due to landslides on 11 Feb. Speculative fire by enemy posts opposite Sangram, Kathi and King Coys that continued

through May to Jul were replied to in equal measure. A meeting of Pakistani and J&K Govt trade, industries and travel department officials to discuss trade and bus services was organised at zero point at Kaman Aman Setu on 19 May. On 17 Jun 2011, a 29-member Pakistan delegation crossed via Kaman Aman Setu. On 20 Jul, Lt TS Shekhawat, grandson of Col DS Shekhawat, AVSM, ex-CO of the Bn, joined the Bn on commissioning. A flag meeting took place on 27 Jul after a five-day exchange of cross-LC fire.



A FLAG MEETING IN PROGRESS

Brig BS Raju took over as Cdr, 12 Inf Bde on 11 Aug 2011 and visited Chaukas and Neeta posts the same day. Maj Gen Rajiv Bhalla, SM, VSM, and COJR visited the Bn the following month. By the end of Nov, the Bn moved to Suratgarh under 170 Inf Bde/24 RAPID. En route, they were hosted by 34 RR at Srinagar.

The Bn celebrated its Golden Jubilee of Raising from 12-15 Jan 2012 with pomp which several veterans attended. While at Suratgarh, the Bn won several professional and sports competitions at the Div level. On 15 Aug, Maj Pradeep Mishra, posted with RR at the time, was awarded the SC. All the war veterans of the 1971 War and Veernaris visited Asafwala War Memorial at Fazilka and Beriwal Bridge during the 51st Raising Day celebrations. On 14 Apr 2013, Hav Jai Prakash received an on-the-spot Commendation in a counter-attack demonstration witnessed by the Army Cdr. Col Rajesh Sethi, SM, was awarded the VCOAS Commendation on 15 Aug 2013. Hav Amritpal Singh cleared the SSB interview for an SCO commission. Maj Malay Mishra cleared the DSSC entrance exam on a competitive vacancy and subsequently attended the course in New Zealand. On 14 May 2014, Col Ashutosh Mishra took over from Col Veeresh Thapar, who proceeded on the HDMC course.

On 13 Jun 2014, the Bn reached Chakabama, Nagaland, under 122 Mtn Bde/59 Mtn Div as part of the newly raised 17 Corps. The Bn gave a demo on Attack in Skirmish Order and Cliff Chop

Assault, Modification to Load Tables for HAA and Rock Craft for GOC 59 Inf Div. It continued to excel at Skill at Arms, Wrestling, 81 mm Mortar, Cross-country, Basketball, Handball, and Volleyball. Maj SD Singh commanded the JAT Regiment contingent at the RD parade in Delhi on 26 Jan 2015.

On 20 Feb 2017, Col SK Sinha took over as CO. In Jun 2017, the Bn moved to Alwar under 20 Inf Bde/12 RAPID with its Op area in Laungewala. In Aug, the Bn moved for Desert Orientation Training at Ghotaru. Lt Gen SK Saini, YSM, VSM, and COJR visited 4 JAT. Capt Vivin Thomas was adjudged Best Student in ATGM Course at Inf School, Mhow. At Alwar, the Bn excelled at MMG, Cambrian, Athletics, Boxing, X Country, 81 mm Mortar, Mine Laying, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Wrestling and Athletics.

In Oct 2018, the Bn moved to Ghotaru to participate in the op alert. Lt Gen SK Saini, AVSM, YSM, VSM, GOC-in-C Southern Command and COJR visited Laungewala on 23 Oct 18. On 04 Dec 2018, Nb Sub Yudhvir won a bronze medal in the National Level Competition of Wrestling. Two coys mobilised to the Op area on 02 Mar 2019 under Op Zaffran, a precautionary deployment undertaken by the army in the aftermath of the Balakot Air Strikes. On 11 Mar, the COJR again visited the Bn at Laungewala. In Mar and Apr 2019, a cycle rally commemorating the Year of the Next of Kin, led by Capt Tapan Rajawat and Lt Deepak Thapa, traversed through Rajasthan and Haryana. Sep Naresh Kumar and Sep Krishan Kumar were selected as potential candidates for Army Athletics Team during trials at Arty Centre, Hyderabad. On 19 Jun 19, the Bn was de-inducted from Op Zaffran. The unit won the 12 RAPID Sports Banner in Jul 2019 and moved to Karu under 81 Inf Bde the next month to prepare for induction into the Glacier. The unit was awarded GOC-in-C Unit Citation for its performance at Alwar.

On 21 Apr, the first serial was inducted to Camp-1 in Siachen for further induction to Northern Glacier. Col Manish Kumar took over command on 30 Apr 20. The Bn assumed operational responsibility of Northern Glacier in Siachen on 01 Jun 20, including Sia La, Bhim, Bilafond and Kaziranga Coy Complexes on the AGPL in addition to Indira Col and Turkistan La overlooking the un-held Shakshgam Valley and Col Italia in the East bordering the Sub Sect North in Eastern Ladakh.



REHEARSING REINFORCEMENT DRILLS ON THE NORTHERN GLACIER

The second rotation commenced in Jul. The Bn constructed the Avalanche Panther Station to streamline drills and improve the Avalanche Rescue Team's reaction time at Base Camp. The Bn did not suffer any cold injuries in the Northern Glacier tenure. On 30 Nov, they de-inducted to Sasoma Garrison for much-needed rest and recoup but soon, on 12 Jan 2021, the Bn moved to Qazil Langar (Depsang La) in Sub Sect North (SSN) in Eastern Ladakh under 81 Inf Bde/3 Inf Div in the aftermath of Galwan Skirmish under Op Snow Leopard. The Bn's performance, moving almost immediately after its Glacier tenure to Depsang, was impressive.

5 JAT

After its LC tenure in the Keran Sect, the Bn moved for its peace tenure to Dhana, MP, under 115 Inf Bde/36 RAPID. During its tenure, the Bn won the Div Banner for the Overall Best Performance in Professional & Sports Competitions 2012-13. Two COAS and five GOC-in-C Commendations were awarded during the tenure. Col TS Mann assumed command on 15 Apr 2013. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Southern Command Unit Appreciation on the occasion of Army Day 2014 and was also adjudged Best Bn in 2012-13 in 36 RAPID.



COL TS MANN & SUB MAJ MAHENDER SINGH RECEIVING THE GOC-IN-C SOUTHERN COMMAND UNIT APPRECIATION

On 05 Jul 2014, the Bn reached Cooch Behar under 66 Mtn Bde/20 Mtn Div for its field tenure. The Bn's Republic Day Contingent, led by Capt Saurabh Kumar, was adjudged the best contingent at the parade held at Kolkata on 26 Jan 2015. The Bn celebrated its Platinum Jubilee of Raising at Cooch Behar on 01 Feb 2016. In May, the Bn participated in EX HIMSHAKTI in North East Sikkim and was adjudged runners-up in the 20 Mtn Div Professional Banner for 2015-16. One Coy, led by Maj Pankaj Pant, represented the Army IA to participate in the Joint EX SAMPRITI with a Coy of the 32 East Bengal, Bangladesh Army, at CIJN, Vairengte from 27 Oct 2015 to 08 Nov 2015. It won the Div Sports Banner from 2015 to 2017. Lt Gen SK Jha, GOC 33 Corps, visited the Bn on 08 Nov 2016.

On 03 Jul 2017, Bn reached Fazilka under 67 Inf Bde/16 Inf Div/10 Corps. The Bn was awarded 13 GOC-in-C Commendations during the tenure. Bn was visited by Lt Gen SK Saini, YSM, VSM, GOC 9 Corps and COJR. After the Balakot Air Strikes, the Bn was deployed on Sabuna DCB in Fazilka Sect and maintained a high state of readiness in the Forward Zone, where its battlefield surveillance detachments were adjudged the best in the Command. Four persons were awarded GOC-in-C Commendations. Bn left Fazilka on 03 Oct 2019 to reach Lachhipura (J&K) on 04 Dec under 79 Mtn Bde/19 Inf Div. During this tenure, the Bn was awarded one GOC-in-C Commendation. In Sep 2020, the Bn was inducted into the Chushul Sect under Op Snow Leopard and carried out recce and training for an offensive role. The Army Cdr bestowed an on-the-spot Commendation during his visit. The Bn was privileged to serve again at the location where it fought the 1962 Indo-Sino Conflict.

6 JAT

6 JAT was inducted in the Plateau Sect (North Sikkim) under Op Falcon in May 2012 under the command of Col Rohitash Sharma. The Bn manned six posts and seven Quick Reaction Teams at altitudes varying from 16,500 to 19,300 ft on the watershed along a 36-km length of the International Boundary. Interaction with the Chinese People's Liberation Army patrols was a regular feature. Besides the operational assignments along the IB, the Bn constructed defences, habitats, storage shelters and opened op tracks. On completing a year at Bunker, the Bn was de-inducted to Lachung on 8 May 2013. Despite the paucity of training infrastructure, the Bn remained focused on training, and its effort was rewarded with several 'Instructor' grades and a 'Best Student' on army courses. There were no battle or physical casualties during the tenure in Bunker and LANKA. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Unit Citation.



BLOCKING THE MOVEMENT OF CHINESE VEHICLES AND INTERACTION WITH CHINESE CO

The Bn moved to Samba (J&K) on 07 Oct 2014. On 21 Mar 2015, the Samba Military Station woke to an attack by terrorists near the main gate of the unit. Lt Rinoop and Nk Manvir Singh neutralised two terrorists and awarded the GOC-in-C & COAS Commendation, respectively. Col Avishek Mukherjee took over on 10 Aug 2015 as the 30th CO of the unit and completed its pre-induction training at Corps Battle School, Gharota, on 20 Dec 2015. Several veterans attended the Platinum Jubilee celebrations from 30 Jan 2016 to 02 Feb 2016. The Unit conducted the phase-II of Jagruk Hindustani Premier Volleyball League (JHPVL-II) on behalf of Western Command, graced by the Speaker of J&K assembly, Shri Kavinder Gupta and Lt Gen KJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM**, GOC-in-C Western Command.

The Bn moved to Minka, Sunderbani, taking over op responsibility on the LC on 19 Aug 2017. On 27-29 Mar 2018, the Bn in an op in the Sunderbani area killed four Pakistani terrorists without any casualties to their troops. Lt Col Arjun Sharma and LNk Pratap Singh were

awarded the SC and the SM, respectively. On 01 May, Col Arjun Sharma, SC, took over command. On 05 Sep 2020, after completing more than three years at Sunderbani, the Bn reached Tibri. On 15 Jan 2021, the Bn was awarded the COAS Unit Citation for its performance in Sunderbani (being the only unit in the 16 Corp Zone to be honoured thus that Army Day).

7 JAT

In Dec 2009, the Bn moved from Sikkim to Jaipur under Col Rohan Anand, SM. In May 2011, Lt Col BB Singh took over with the Bn winning the Div Sports Banner for the year.



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In Oct 2012, the Bn organised a Camel Safari, led by Capt Tonsing, from Bikaner to Suratgarh. The Golden Jubilee of Raising was celebrated in Nov 2012. On this occasion, Lt Gen Sanjeev Anand, VSM, GOC 10 Corps, presented a silver trophy to the Bn. Lt Gen Sumer Singh, COS of HQ South Western Command, whose father Sub/Clk Hari Ram had served as the first head clerk of Bn in 1962-64, invited all veteran officers attending the Bn's Golden Jubilee to tea at his residence. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation in Mar 2013 for its performance in Jaipur.

The Bn moved to Lakhimpur, Assam, in Feb 2013 under the command of Col BB Singh. The Bn maintained normalcy in its area of responsibility, which led to the peaceful conduct of elections. The CO often led various operations. The Bn was also adjudged the best in minelaying in the Div. Lt Atul Adhikari, son of Col BS Adhikari of 7 JAT, joined the Bn on commissioning. Col Manas Mohapatra took over in Oct 2014. From Feb 2013 to Mar 2016 at Assam, the Bn apprehended 95 and killed ten militants. The officers who led the operations during the tenure were Majors Raman Jha, Sandip Jadhav, Manish, Puneet Kumar, Dalbir Malik, Romi and Rohit Saxena. The Bn received five SMs, one M-in-D, nine COAS and five GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn received the COAS Unit Citation, its third, on 15 Jan 2016.

The Bn moved to Suratgarh in Mar 2016. In Mar 2017, Col GS Kahlon, from 9 JAT, took over the command from Col Manas Mohapatra, SM. The Bn won the Div Sports Banner and the Div Professional Banner every year at Suratgarh and was awarded eleven GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn received its third, the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation. Lt Deepak Singla, son of Col SC Singla, SM, of the Bn, was commissioned into 7 JAT.

On 01 Oct 2018, the advance party of the unit under the 2IC, Lt Col Sandip Ashok Jadhav, moved for the subsequent field tenure to HAA in Arunachal Pradesh. The Bn was inducted in Jan 2019 in the Selunghi - Gonkar La & Mago - Chuna Sect in the HAA along the LAC in the

West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh under 40 Mtn Bde/71 Inf Div. Despite holding the largest area in the Corps zone, the Bn reinforced the neighbouring sensitive Yangtse Sect with a company. Col GS Kahlon handed over the command to Col SA Jadhav on 30 Nov 2019.

During this tenure, adhering to the agreed military protocols, the Bn handled two aggressive and sixty-two non-aggressive PLA patrols. Tactical-level action plans were operationally validated. The unit carried out all-weather surveillance in the enemy areas across the LAC and improved the existing posture by occupying new observation posts & employing new-generation surveillance equipment. Op Snow Leopard saw the unit deployed at more than 17,000 ft. The Unit was awarded the Div Championship Banner for 2018-19 for its all-round performance in Nov 2019. They won the FM Manekshaw Trophy (Best JAT Bn in Army Courses) & the Batapore Trophy (Best JAT Bn in Eastern Command).

The Bn established a permanent post at an altitude of 17000 ft along the LAC, naming it Dilip Post in honour of Capt Dilip Kumar Jha, KC. On several occasions, the unit hosted the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Pema Khandu. It received the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Unit Citation and the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Unit Appreciation.

8 JAT

After its Batalik tenure, the Bn under Col SPS Rautela reached Itarana Cantt, Alwar, under 20 Inf Bde on 24 Oct 2011. Two officers, a JCO and 33 OR of the Bn, along with nine officers and 29 OR of the Mongolian Army, participated in the Eighth Indo-Mongolia Joint Training named EX NOMADIC ELEPHANT-2012, which was held at Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre and Junior Leaders Wing, Belgaum from 06 to 19 Aug 2012. Lt Amit Yadav led the Indian contingent in this exercise on Joint Operations under the UN mandates.

In May 2014, Col Kehar Singh moved the Bn to Diphu, East Karbi Anglong, Assam, under 77 Mtn Bde with an area of responsibility of 17,689 sq km in East Karbi Anglong district. The Bn's CI ops in this area from 11 May 2014 to 15 Apr 2017 resulted in the killing of three, the apprehending of 151 and the surrender of five militants. One SM, one M-in-D, ten COAS and eight GOC-in-C Commendations were received.

Col JS Patial took over in Nov 2016. The Bn moved to Barrackpore under 64 Mtn Bde in Apr 2017. The Bn was deployed under Op Juniper at Doklam and was involved in the face-off with the PLA at Doklam in Jun 2017. The Bn constructed and occupied defences in Dengzong, Torna, and PRATAPGARH. New tracks and operational works for defences were built for all posts and defended localities. The Bn also carried out the construction of fortifications at Sherathang. The Bn was de-inducted to Barrackpore on 29 Nov 2017.

Col Mehul Saklani, having taken over a month earlier, took the Bn to Gogaldhar, J&K, on the LC, under 268 Inf Bde in Jul 2019. On 01 Apr 2020, in Op Rangdori Baihk, the Bn killed five infiltrating terrorists. Nb Sub Sarjeet Singh was awarded the SM, while Nk Omveer Singh Lochib received the GOC-in-C Commendation. On 13 Nov 2020, the Mortar Platoon executed a surprise fire assault, injuring one enemy soldier, and destroying two bunkers and a fuel dump which was crucial for the survival of the enemy post during the winter. The Bn was awarded one GOC-in-C Commendation. Nk Peera Ram and Hav Rakesh were killed in action on 29 Nov 2019 and 24 Apr 2020, respectively. On reinstatement of the LC Ceasefire on 01 Mar 2001, the Bn improved its defences. It constructed concrete self-help helipads, bunkers, communication trenches and a 1500m new operational track from PT 3240 to Waziran. Meanwhile, 'Op Sadbhavana' activities continued in villages in the Bn's area. The Bn was visited by Lt Gen SK Saini, GOC-in-C Southern Command and COJR, on 08 Oct 2019; Lt Gen KJS Dhillon, GOC 15 Corps, on 07 Feb 2020; and Lt Gen BS Raju, AVSM, YSM, GOC 15 Corps, on 12 May

2020. The Bn was de-inducted from Gogaldhar on 13 Sep 2021 with an award tally of one SM (Gallantry), four VCOAS Commendations, and six GOC-in-C Commendations. Concurrently, Bn personnel serving with 34 RR were decorated with one SC (Posthumous), three SM Gallantry (one posthumous), one COAS Commendation and five GOC-in-C Commendations.

9 JAT

Col Nithin R Khandekar handed over the baton to Col Maneesh Kukrety, SM** on 10 Mar 2010. During their Meerut tenure from Sep 2009 to Nov 2012, the Bn won the Div Basketball, RL, Mortar Competition at Babina with Capt Prashant Bharadwaj and Sub Rajveer Singh winning the Best MFCs. The Bn celebrated its Golden Jubilee of Raising on 01 Jan 2012, during which a visit of all families of those who had fallen Chhamb Sect in Op Cactus Lily of the 1971 war. A First Day Cover was released on the occasion.



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The Bn moved to Chakabama, Nagaland, in Nov 2012. Col MS Kahlon, son of Col Gurnam Singh, ex-CO of the Bn, took over on 17 May 2013. The Bn excelled in the Div by winning 67 Mtn Div Overall Professional and Sports Banner for 2014. Maj AS Bisht, SM, organised a Veterans Rally at Zakhama, which veterans of seven districts of Nagaland attended.

The Bn reached Abohar on 15 Mar 2016, with Col Nalin Durgapal taking over on 09 May 2016. In 2017 the Bn's innovation of a "Mechanical Mine Layer" was adjudged the best Infantry innovation in the army and was witnessed by the Raksha Mantri and the COAS, Gen Bipin Rawat. Hav Rajesh Kumar was awarded the COAS Commendation for this innovation. At the Div level, the Bn won the Minelaying and Wrestling competitions. In 2017, Maj AS Bisht, SM, Maj Prince and Lt Pallav conducted three-month-long Trials of new Synthetic Camouflage Nets on behalf of South Western Command in Desert Battle School in Mahajan. In 2018, Lt Col Mahipal Singh Lather was awarded an on-the-spot GOC-in-C Commendation as Special Internal Audit Officer of Army Public School, Jaipur. Col Sudhir Pathak took over on 10 Aug 2018.

The Bn arrived at its new field location at Barama (under Op Rhino and Op Orchid) on 08 Jan 2019. On its arrival, the Bn underwent four weeks Pre-Induction Training at Harchura. The Bn wrestling team brought laurels by standing first at the Div trials, and the Handball team won the Div Championship in 2019. In 2019, the Bn briefly deployed two internal security columns under Maj Rajkumar and Capt AK Mourya during the Anti-Citizenship Act Amendment protests. The Bn also extended aid during the floods of 2019 & 2020 and evacuated 470 civilians. On 16 Feb 2020, responding to a distress call from a civilian about a woman stuck in

fast-flowing Nakhanda Nala, the Company Operating Base at Barpeta dispatched a team under Sub Layak Ram to rescue the woman. Hav Ashok Kumar was awarded the COAS Commendation.

11 JAT

Col TS Hothi, from 15 JAT, took over the Bn in Jun 2010 and moved the Bn from Tangdhar to Tibri in Dec 2010. The Bn twice won the Mortar Competition. It won the Div Banner for being the Best Bn in 15 Inf Div in all three years at Tibri. Significantly, five jawans; Sep Yogvir Singh (2010), Sep Dinesh Badsara (2011), Hav/Clk Ramesh Chaudhary (PC/SL, 2013), Sep Narender Singh, (SCO, 2013), Sep Dalwinder Singh (SCO, 2013) were selected for commissions.

The Bn celebrated its Golden Jubilee at Tibri with traditional fervour and gaiety on 01 Apr 2013. Many veterans of the Bn, including eight from the Raising team, the COJR, and Brig Anil Sharma, Commandant, JRC, attended the celebrations. The Bn won the Cambrian Patrol and Minelaying competitions.



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The Bn was inducted into the Yangtse Sect on the LAC. There were face-offs with Chinese patrols, and the Bn undertook the mutually agreed-to confidence-building measures. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation in 2014. In Jul 2014, Col Prashant Sharma took over the Bn from Col TS Hothi. The Bn won the Div Banner in the year 2014-15. From Yangtse, the Bn moved to Delhi in Jul 2016. In Feb 2017, Col Jeevan, SC, took over the Bn. At Delhi, the Bn were the second runners-up in the Army Cambrian Patrol Selection Trials in 2018 and won the Best Inf Bn Trophy for two consecutive years besides the Div Championship Banner in 2018. In Delhi, the Bn was often deployed for ceremonial duties. The Bn conducted the first joint military exercise on UN Peacekeeping Operations between India and Kazakhstan, christened KINPOT-2018. Mr Jean Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations at the United Nations, visited the Bn. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation once again.

As a token of their appreciation and gratitude to all those who made it happen, all ex-COs of 11 JAT contributed and presented a silver trophy on the selection of the Bn to serve overseas in Lebanon. The Tiger's UN Trophy, in silver, has 20 pillars on which rests a globe and three flags, one each of India, Lebanon and the UN. The trophy's nineteen pillars represent the 19 COs thus far, and the 20th for those who died in the line of duty. The trophy was presented on

16 Oct 2018 at Manesar. ex-COs present were Brig KS Kang, Brig PPS Bajwa, Col BD Dangwal, VSM**, Col PK Halder and Brig PPS Bajwa.



FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 11 JAT PRESENT THE TIGERS' UN TROPHY

On return from Lebanon, a get-together was organised in Delhi on 29 Nov 2019. Senior officers and veterans of the Bn and those at Delhi graced the occasion.

In this decade, Maj RS Jamwal, a prolific mountaineer, led the JAT Regiment mountaineering expeditions and summited Mt Kilimanjaro on 23 Oct 2010 while posted with the Centre. Later, while posted with the Bn, besides conducting several rescues of climbers, Maj Jamwal summited Everest thrice and peaks in the continents of South America (Mount Aconcagua 6962M), Australia (Mt Carstensz Pyramid), North America (Mt Denali) and Antarctica (Mt Vinson). He took over command of 7 VIKAS on 30 Jul 2018. On 22 Jan 2019, Col RS Jamwal, VSM** set a world record of climbing six volcanic peaks over 6000 mtr in the Atacama region of Chile in ten days. He was awarded four COAS Commendations, two GOC-in-C Commendations, VSM and Bar to VSM.



*MAJ RS JAMWAL RECEIVING THE TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE AWARD -2012
(LAND ADVENTURE) ON 31 AUG 2013*

12 JAT

From Dras, 12 JAT moved in Oct 2011 to Pathankot, where they won 29 Inf Div Basketball and Cross-country competitions. Under Col Shikhar Jaiswal, the Bn moved to Poonch to deploy on the LC in Jun 2014. The Bn ensured no infiltration and carried out several successful operations. Col RJ Rane took over the Bn in Oct 2015. The CO and Maj Ankush Guleria conducted an operation over three days in which four militants were killed. In Jan 2017, two more militants were killed by the Bn. The Bn was awarded one SM and two COAS Commendations.

In Jun 2017, 12 JAT moved to Port Blair, where they served in a tri-service environment. Col HJ Pandya of the Bn took over as the CO. They established an outpost at the northernmost point in the archipelago to maintain surveillance on the sea between Coco Islands in Myanmar and the Andamans. They reconnoitred 692 islands with the help of the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard. The Bn also carried out anti-poaching operations in inclement weather. For its operations, the Bn received 16 Commendations in the Tri-service Command. Being a popular tourist spot, the Bn welcomed many civil and military dignitaries at Port Blair.



12 JAT TRAINING FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

14 JAT

14 JAT was in Ladakh since Jul 2009. The Bn was inducted into the Northern Glacier in Aug 2010 and carried out regular patrolling to dominate un-held areas such as Indira Col and Turkistan La. The Bn bridged more than 200 crevasses and opened new routes to use snow scooters. They made ice caves, improved infrastructure and took up a cleaning campaign. Almost three tons of non-degradable waste was brought out of the Glacier. The Bn lost three men on the Glacier. After that, the Bn was de-inducted to Chushul in Jan 2011. Col AK Pandey took over in Jun 2011.



TRAINING AT BASE CAMP



14 JAT IN OP MEGHDOOT

From Ladakh, 14 JAT moved to Mamun in Jul 2011. Based on the threat, the Bn earmarked a coy for counter-terrorist operations. The personnel excelled in mortar and RL firing. They performed well in the Adventure Cup and won the Cross-country, Athletics and Kabaddi competitions.



GOLDEN JUBILEE FIRST DAY COVER

The Bn moved to Sikkim for a second tenure (the first was in the 1990s). Col VA Rastogi took over in Jul 2015. In Oct, the Bn organised a demonstration on 'Battle at Resistance Stage', which was appreciated. Col R Srikant, SM, took over in Mar 2018 and took the Bn to Rhenock under 164 Mtn Bde. The Bn won the 17 Mtn Div Banner for 2017-18 and consecutively won the Div Cross-country Championship. On 16 Jun 2017, the Bn was inducted to Op Juniper in a 72-day eyeball-to-eyeball standoff with PLA on the Doklam Plateau to counter PLA's attempt to unilaterally change the status quo by constructing a road along the Watershed in the disputed plateau opposite Doka La. These standoffs received considerable publicity in the print and electronic media.

On 15 Mar 2018, the Bn reached Shahjahanpur under 167 Inf Bde/23 Inf Div. Under Col R Srikant, SM, the Bn received 20 Commendations for effecting 19 capability-enhancing innovations. 60% of personnel secured an 'A' grade or above, with ten securing instructor gradings on army courses. The Bn was conferred with the GOC-in-C South Western Command Unit Citation, its first, on Army Day 2021.

15 JAT

Bn moved from Umroi Cantt to Poonch (J&K) on 13 Jun 2010 as DODA Bn and was deployed on LC and the AIOS under 93 Inf Bde/21 Mtn Div. On 20 Mar 2011, Col Harjit Prit Pal Singh, a unit YO, took over the command from Col AK Bhardwaj on 20 Mar 2011. Bn was awarded the Batapore Dograi Cup for being the Best Regular Bn of the Regiment in CI ops on 19 Nov 2012. The Bn was selected to film a TV programme, "Watan Ke Rakhwale", by NDTV, which was telecast on 15 Aug 2012. Nk Surender Kumar Bhari was the RL Detachment Cdr of a protective patrol of the Shahpur company post. The enemy New Digging post opposite opened fire on 17 Oct. In retaliatory action, Nk Bhari destroyed the enemy post by firing eight RL rounds and killing three Pakistani soldiers. He was awarded the SM on 15 Aug 2013. During the Doda (J&K) tenure, the Bn received one M-in-D, two COAS, three VCOAS and six GOC-in-C Commendations.

The Bn moved to Jaipur under 45 Inf Bde/18 Inf Div on 29 Mar 2013. During EX GANDIV VIJAY, from 20 Mar to 29 Apr 2015 in the Birdhwal area, the Bn presented a demonstration on Attack Across Canal and Securing of a Bridge Head, which GOC 10 Corps witnessed. Towards the end of the exercise, the Bn's veteran JCOs and OR got together and organised a barakhana for the entire Bn in village Chota Dabri. The Bn earned one SM, five COAS, one VCOAS, and

twenty-one GOC-in-C Commendations at Jaipur. The Pink City Reunion at Jaipur from 13-15 Nov 2013 was celebrated with pomp and gaiety. Col Madhukar Jha took over on 11 Apr 2014. The Bn was awarded the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation, its second, on 15 Jan 2016.

On 17 Feb 2016, the Bn moved to Barama, Assam, under 107 Mtn Bde/21 Mtn Div. After pre-induction training at Harchura, they took over the op responsibility from 8 GRENADIERS on 14 Apr 2016. The Unit conducted EX JALRAHAT, a national-level disaster management exercise on urban flooding in Guwahati in Jul 2016. The Bn's CI ops in districts of lower Assam resulted in apprehensions of 103 insurgent cadres and recoveries of 85 weapons. The Bn received one COAS and seven GOC-in-C Commendations.

Lt Col NR Choudhury took over on 28 Nov 2016 and was promoted to the substantive rank of Col on 22 Dec 2016. The Bn won the prestigious Batapore Dograi Cup for two consecutive years, 2016-17 and 2017-18, for the Best Bn of the JAT Regiment in CI Ops, besides the Inter Bn Documentation Trophy. On 28 Jul 2018, the Bn won the 21 Mtn Div MMG competition.

The Bn reached Damana, Jammu, under 19 Inf Bde/26 Inf Div. In the military escalation triggered after the Pulwama incident in Feb 2019, fresh orders to move to Suratgarh at short notice were received on 03 Mar 2019, the day it reached Damana. While at South Camp, Mahajan, from Mar to May, the Bn trained for integration with arty, 3 Para (SF) and the affiliated squadron of 20 LANCERS. The Bn returned to Jammu after completing the training at Suratgarh on 09 Jun 2019. Maj SK Mahata led the Bn's snipers in winning the 26 Inf Div Inter Bn Sniper Firing Competition in Nov 2019. Col Dilip Dudi took over command on 04 Jun 2020. Soon after receiving the new SIG Sauer 715 rifles, the Bn won the 26 Inf Div Inter Bn 716 SIG Sauer Rif Firing Competition in Nov 2020. Lt Gen SK Saini, VCOAS and COJR, awarded four on-the-spot Commendations to Sub Pardeep Kumar, Hav Sukhvir Singh, Nk Roop Singh and LNK Sandeep Kumar during his visit on 03 Dec 2020.

16 JAT

From Chowkibal, 16 JAT reached Sevoke Road in Nov 2010 under Col DS Murty, SC, SM. The Bn conducted an NBC exercise which the Corps Cdr witnessed. The Bn provided relief after a major earthquake hit Sikkim on 18 Sep 2011. Communication and maintenance lines were severed, and lakhs of people were stranded. The jawans climbed steep mountains, crossed fast-flowing mountain streams and crossed unstable stretches to reach the most inaccessible areas to provide succour to the people and evacuate them to safety. The Bn was awarded two COAS and two GOC-in-C in Jan 2012. Col DS Murty, SC, SM, was awarded the bar to SM.

The Bn was selected for a UN mission and moved to Delhi. In May 2012, Col Premanku Ghosh took over command. In a rare instance, two COs of 16 JAT, Col DS Murty, SC, SM** and Col IJ Singh, SC, SM, were simultaneously nominated for HC/HDMC.

The Bn's service in Congo under the UN from Oct 2012 to Oct 2013 is described earlier. 19 Jul 2014 was a sad day for the Regiment when Lt Gen B Joginder Singh, MVC, VSM, passed away. He was missed when the Bn celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its Raising on 01 Oct 2014 at Ferozepur. The Bn had celebrated the Silver Jubilee at the same Station. During its short tenure of 17 months at Ferozepur, 16 JAT excelled in professional and sports competitions to win the Championship Banner of the Div. Col Premanku Ghosh was selected to attend the HDMC. He became the seventh CO in succession to be selected for such a course, besides four Bn officers who had commanded other bns.

In Jul 2015, the Bn moved to Baisakhi, in Arunachal Pradesh, with Col A Bandyopadhyay, from 8 JAT, taking over command. Within a short period after induction, the Bn climbed the Baisakhi

Peak at 19,349 ft. The Bn renovated the Jaswantgarh War Memorial on the road from Sela to Tawang. The Bn won the Div Skill-at-Arms and Kabaddi Competitions in 2016 and Minelaying in 2017. During a blizzard, the Bn rescued 106 civilians at high altitudes.

In May 2018, the Bn moved to Lucknow. Three YOs of the Nepal Army were attached to the Bn from Sep to Dec. Maj Pawan Kumar, SC, participated in Joint Training with a contingent of the Nepal Army. The COJR visited in Aug 2018. Col Deepak Tiwari, who had already joined as the 2IC on return from a UN mission, took over as CO as Col Anindya Bandhopadhyay proceeded on the HC course in Apr 2019. The Unit also provided a Guard of Honour and a residential guard to the Nepalese Army Chief General Purna Chandra Thapa during his visit to HQ Central Command, Lucknow. Capt Faisal Khan was awarded GOC-in-C Central Command Commendation for his exemplary action in fire fighting in the Lucknow Station. In Sep, the Unit undertook a 120 km joint foot patrol to the Lipulekh Pass, a tri-junction of India, Nepal and Tibet in the Central Sect. The Paltan celebrated its 55th Raising Day on 01 Oct 2019, attended by 37 retired officers and 300 retired JCOs and OR. Soon after, the Bn moved to the Annual Training Camp at 15000 ft. The Bn conducted the "Combat Power Demonstration" as part of the DEFEXPO-2020 held from 5-8 Feb 2020 at Lucknow, for which Lt Col Ashish Devliyal was awarded a GOC-in-C Commendation.

Following the 15 Jun clash at the Galwan valley, the Bn was air transported from Lucknow to Leh on 26 Jun 2020 while the first wave of the Covid pandemic peaked. After its first acclimatisation stage at Nimu, the Unit moved to a green field area of Likir La to undertake the second stage of acclimatisation and operational training for two months in Jul 2020.

On the night of 29/30 Aug, while Indian Armed Forces were occupying Rezang La and Rechin La, the field firing was called off, and the Bn moved at night directly from Dras to Muth at an altitude of 15,534 ft near Nyoma over two successive nights covering a distance of over 550 km by road. While being virtually deployed on wheels for the next month, the Unit undertook extensive operational reconnaissance, rigorous training and numerous validation exercises at an altitude of 18,500 ft. The Bn finally de-inducted by road in a 100-vehicle column crossing Zojila on 03 Dec 2020 and reached Lucknow on 12 Dec 2020 as the last convoy of 6 Mtn Div. The Bn received 23 GOC-in-C Commendations during its Lucknow tenure.

17 JAT

After a brief halt at Delhi on return from the UN Mission in Sudan (described earlier), 17 JAT moved to Kissan across Tut Mari Gali in J&K in Aug 2011. Col Praveen Kumar S took over as CO in Apr 2012, and Col PS Janghu proceeded to the HDMC Course. Unfortunately, Col Praveen developed a medical problem and was evacuated. Col Vineet Tyagi took over on 05 Oct. In a series of ops in the Kaiyan Bowl, the Bn eliminated five foreign terrorists. Capt Sandeep Bhartiya was decorated with the SC, and Nk Sukhwinder was awarded the SM. During this tenure. Sepoys Uday Singh, Mahender Pal & Bhupender Singh were killed in action. The Bn carried out various Sadbhavana activities, including the conduct of a tour for school children of Naugam to Delhi, Agra and Lucknow.

In Oct 2013, the Bn moved to Meerut. Col Vivek Kanwar, from 15 JAT, took over in Aug 2015. They won the Ghatak, Firing, Volleyball, Basketball, Kabaddi, Wrestling, and Officer's Debate competitions at Meerut. The Bn celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its Raising in Jun 2016 with zeal. Fifty-five officers and families, 190 JCOs and 1200 OR attended.

The Bn then moved to the Uri sector (Mike Bn area) in Sep 2016. In the new sector, Maj Rahul Jain and his team inflicted casualties on the adversary. The Bn foiled an attempted enemy raid

for which Lt Col IS Gill was awarded a GOC-in-C Commendation. Sep Nitin was killed during the raid. Gen Bipin Rawat, COAS, visited the forward locations. Col Tapan Singh took over command in May 2018 as Col Vivek Kanwar was posted as a Bn Cdr at IMA, Dehradun. The Bn was awarded the Northern Army Cdr's Unit Citation on Army Day 2020 for its performance in Uri.

In Oct 2019, the Bn moved to Alwar. There were no infections during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bn continued to dominate sports and Small Arms firing at the Div level.

18 JAT

18 JAT moved to Dibrugarh in May 2009 under Col Somashankar. In Oct, Col Deepak Joshi, from 14 JAT, took over the Bn. The Bn organised an exhibition, 'Know your Army' and the Capt Jintu Gogoi, VrC, Memorial Football Tournament. In Nov 2009, Maj Amitabh Raj was killed when his vehicle overturned while his team was closing in on militants.

The Bn conducted several successful counter-terrorist operations. Lt Manoj Kumar Mishra was killed in action on 12 Jun 2011 and was awarded the SM posthumously.

In Mar 2012, the Bn reached Barrackpore, where Col SS Jamwal took over command. The Bn provided aid to civil authorities when they proceeded to East Medinipur district to seal the embankment of river Kanghsabati in time to save about 2.5 lakh people from flooding.

From Barrackpore, the Bn moved to J&K to deploy across Tut Mari Gali on the LC. Besides dominating the LC, the Bn foiled several infiltration attempts by Pakistani terrorists. In a series of ops in Aug 2015, they killed seven terrorists and four enemy soldiers in stand-off engagements. Maj Prashant R Pillai (attached from 2 MECH INF) was awarded M-in-D. One JCO was awarded the COAS, while two other personnel received GOC-in-C Commendations.

A team led by Maj BR Rout opened the route to an important winter cut-off post. In an op near Patiala Complex on 30 Jul 2016, three terrorists were killed while Sep Vishal Chaudhary and Nk Bijender Singh were injured. Sep Vishal Chaudhary succumbed to his injuries and was awarded the SM posthumously. The Bn received the GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation besides one GOC-in-C and one VCOAS Commendation.

In Aug 2016, the Bn moved to Meerut, where Col S Shiv Sankar took over the Bn. At the Div level, the Bn won the 81 mm Mortar, Small Arms Firing, 20 km run, Wrestling and Boxing Competitions. The Bn celebrated its Golden Jubilee with zeal and spirit. The Army Cdr appreciated the Bn's night-crossing of the Sutlej River in a formation exercise. In Oct 2019, the Bn moved to Pallanwala under 52 Inf Bde. Col Gaurav Garg took over in Jun 2020.

19 JAT

Under Col Nitin Khare, SM, 19 JAT moved to Kaksar under 170 Inf Bde/8 Mtn Div in Jul 2009, where 4 JAT had fought valiantly in 1999. The Bn dominated the LC and improved the infrastructure. They constructed tunnels to improve the defences. The Bn won the 8 Mtn Div Minelaying Competition. Col Pankaj Tuknait, SM, took over the Bn in Mar 2010. The Bn managed two schools in their area and conducted educational tours for local children of Kaksar conducted the Lt Saurabh Kalia Cricket Tournament for the locals in memory of the brave officer. The Bn suffered no casualty during the Kaksar tenure. Sub Suresh Chand and Nb Sub Satyaweer Jat were awarded the COAS Commendation, while 19 JAT received two COAS Commendations and two GOC-in-C Commendations. A seven-member team, led by Nb Sub

Jagwant Singh, SM, participated in the Jat Regiment Expeditions to Mana Peak, Bandarpunch and Mt Trishul-1.

In Sep 2011, 19 JAT moved to Abohar, receiving one COAS, one VCOAS, and ten GOC-in-C Commendations. On 15 Apr 2013, Col Pankaj Kant Khanduri, SM, Hav Ravindra Khatri won a bronze medal in International Wrestling Cup Championship held at Kathmandu from 25 to 28 May 2013.



OPERATIONS ON THE BRAHMAPUTRA

The Bn moved to Dibrugarh in Oct 2014. On 26 Apr 2016, Maj Nitin Mathew led an op resulting in the killing of a ULFA insurgent. Maj Mathew was awarded the SM. Maj Sudheer and his team were launched with boats and relief materials during the floods of Sep 2015 to save over 800 stranded villagers. Maj Sudheer was awarded the COAS Commendation. Col Ankur Sharma, SM, took over in 2016. The Bn's Kabaddi, Handball and Wrestling teams won the Div championships. During its tenure in Assam, the Bn apprehended 24 insurgents/OGWs. The Bn received one SM, three COAS and five GOC-in-C Commendations.

The Bn moved to Tibri in Sep 2017, where it won the Handball Championship in the Div and the Documentation Trophy later that year at JRC. From Feb to May 2019, it conducted a mobilisation exercise under Op Zaffran. Col Koushal Bhatia took over on 10 Jun 2019. A column undertook flood rescue on 17 Aug 19 in the Dinanagar Tehsil. The Bn received four GOC-in-C Commendations during the tenure. The Bn moved to Kupwara in Jun 2020.

20 JAT

On 11 Feb 2010, the Bn celebrated its Silver Jubilee of its raising in Suratgarh. First Day Cover and stamp were released on the occasion. Capt Chandrakant Sharma led a nine-day camel expedition.



FIRST-DAY COVER ON THE SILVER JUBILEE

From Suratgarh, the Bn moved to Gambhir in the Rajauri Sect in Nov 2011, where Col Upinder Pal Singh took over command in Mar 2012. The CO led a delegation of 16 Corps at the Bn level flag meeting with the Pakistan Army at Chakan-Da-Bagh crossing point of Poonch on 18 Dec 2013. The Bn foiled several infiltration attempts and four BAT actions. Besides apprehending a Pakistani national, the Bn killed six terrorists attempting to infiltrate and nine in the hinterland. During this tenure, the Bn was visited by Maj Gen Rajiv Bhalla, SM, VSM, COJR, on 15 Sep 2012 and Shri Shashi Kant Sharma, Defence Secretary, on 13 Apr 2013. LNK Shankar Lal Balochiya was awarded the SM posthumously. The Bn received eight COAS, one VCOAS and eleven GOC-in-C Commendations. In Jun 2014, the Bn received the Northern Command Unit Citation for its performance in Gambhir.

In Jun 2014, the Bn moved to Alwar, where Col GP Singh took over in Jul 2015. The Bn remained deployed in its operational area in Jaisalmer for considerable periods. The unit won the 12 RAPID Mortars Competition in 2016 and the Cross-country championships in 2015 and 2016.

The Bn moved to Tangdhar on the LC on 03 May 2017. Dr Nirmala Sitharaman, Raksha Mantri and Gen Bipin Rawat, COAS, visited the Bn on 29 Sep 2017. In several ops during the tenure, the Bn killed ten terrorists. They lost Sep Pushpender Singh to enemy sniping. Maj Tushar Gauba was awarded the Kirti Chakra. The Bn received one Bar to SM, four SMs, two COAS and six GOC-in-C Commendations.



MAJ TUSHAR GAUBA RECEIVING THE KIRTI CHAKRA



DR NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, RAKSHA MANTRI & GEN BIPIN RAWAT, COAS, AT SHARARAT, TANGDHAR, ON 29 SEP 2017



RECEIVING THE COAS UNIT CITATION

Col Amol K Konde took over command from Col Gurburdeep Singh on 09 Jul 2018. In Jul 2019, the Bn moved to Jaipur. On 15 Jan 2020, Col Amol K Konde & Sub Maj Rahul Singh received the Bn's first COAS Unit Citation for their tenure in Tangdhar. Gen MM Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, COAS vis the Bn's op area on 18 Mar 2020. The Bn took necessary measures to continue executing operational tasks during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Lt Gen SK Saini, the VCOAS and COJR, visited on 18 Jun 2020. Lt Gen CP Mohanty, GOC-in-C Southern Command, visited the Bn's op area on 15 Feb & 10 Jul 2020. The Bn was awarded one COAS, nine VCOAS and five GOC-in-C Commendations during the Jaipur tenure. Col Varun Rai took over on 01 Oct 2020.

21 JAT

They moved to Shahjahanpur (Uttar Pradesh) under the orbat of 167 Inf Bde/23 Inf Div on 24 Jul 2009, with Col AS Kahlon taking over the next month. The Bn was tasked with establishing an initial Army footprint in Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh at the newly allotted Narayanpur Manoeuvre Range from 06 Nov 2011 to 31 Dec 2011. The Bn excelled in all competitions and peacetime activities, winning the Div Sports Banner for two consecutive years and the Div Overall Banner in 2012.

The Bn moved to Ahirgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, under 46 Inf Bde in Aug 2012. Since the move was without relief, complete unit equipment, including vehicles, was carried along to Ahirgarh, Baisakhi. Col K Jayashankar took over on 07 Dec. On 15 Jan 2013, the Bn was awarded 'GOC-in-C South Western Command Unit Citation' for its performance at Shahjahanpur. In Sep, the Bn was nominated for UN Mission in Congo (MONUSCO). In Feb 2014, the Bn received the Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar from the Minister of Environment and Forests in New Delhi for its 'Go Green' project in Dhubri, Assam, in 2009, where it had created a Guinness World Record by planting 4,47,874 saplings by 300 persons in a cycle of 24 hrs. Sub Sandeep Kumar won a Gold Medal in Archery at Asian Games in 2014 (and later the Arjuna Award in 2015).



CO & SM RECEIVING THE GOC-IN-C SOUTH WESTERN COMMAND UNIT CITATION

The Bn reached Khanpur, New Delhi on 01 Oct 2014 for preparations for the UN Mission. Its account is covered earlier in this chapter.

On 06 Mar 2016, the Bn was de-inducted from MONUSCO and moved to Lale-da-Bagh, Jammu. On being nominated for the HDMC course on 15 May 2016, Col K Jayashankar handed over the reins to Lt Col M Sanjeev, SM, on 27 Jun 2016. The Bn continued to excel in various sports & professional competitions. The unit moved to Taksing, Arunachal Pradesh, on the LAC under 22 Inf Bde/56 Inf Div in Op Northern Borders in Dec 2018. Apart from successfully handling PLA transgressions, the Bn also established a rapport with the civilian population. Col M Sanjeev, SM, was nominated for the Higher Command course after a three-and-a-half-year command tenure. Col Karan Sagar, SM, took over on 30 Apr 2020.

22 JAT

The 22nd Bn, the Jat Regiment, was raised on 01 Dec 2013 at the JAT RC, Bareilly, by Col AK Butail, under Serial 9 of the 12th Army Plan Raising Schedule of 2013-14. The previous raising of a Bn of the Regiment, the 21st, was in 1987. Col Butail had earlier commanded 5 RR (JAT). The Bn was of mixed composition of Jats, Gurjars, Ahirs and Rajputs.

CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT ALONG NORTHERN BORDERS
IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS: RAISING OF INF BNS

1. Reference GOI, MoD letter No 1(3)/2010/D(GS-V) dated 03 Oct 2013 and IHQ of MoD (DGSD/SD-8) letter No A/30052/12th Plan/SD-8 dt 29 Oct 2013.

2. The following Inf bns will be raised in accordance with the instruction contained hereunder:-

(a) **Year 2013-2014**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Establishment on which to be raised</u>	<u>Details of Raising</u>		
		<u>Place</u>	<u>Commencement</u>	<u>Completion</u>
29 PUBJAB	Inf Bn Model 4B as per Appx A to GOI, MoD letter No C/30025/4 (Mod)/Inf-3/1328/03-d (GS-1) dt 27 Oct 2003 and WE No 381106/2013 dt 27 Jun 13, as amended from time to time	Ramgarh Cantt	01 Dec 13	31 May 14
22 JAT		Bareilly	01 Dec 13	31 May 14
17 SIKH LI		Fatehgarh	01 Dec 13	31 May 14
20 DOGRA		Faizabad	01 Dec 13	31 May 14
20 GARH RIF		Kotdwara	01 Dec 13	31 May 14

(a) **Year 2014-2015**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Establishment on which to be raised</u>	<u>Details of Raising</u>		
		<u>Place</u>	<u>Commencement</u>	<u>Completion</u>
25 GRENADIERS	Inf Bn Model 4B as per Appx A to GOI, MoD letter No C/30025/4 (Mod)/Inf-3/1328/03-d (GS-1) dt 27 Oct 2003 and WE No 381106/2013 dt 27 Jun 13, as amended from time to time	Jabalpur	01 Jul 14	31 Dec 14
24 RAJ RIF		New Delhi	01 Jul 14	31 Dec 14
21 JAK RIF		Jabalpur	01 Jul 14	31 Dec 14
23 SIKH		Ramgarh Cantt	01 Jul 14	31 Dec 14

Authority for Raising Govt of India, Min of Def letter No 1 (3)/2010/D (GS-V) dated 03 Oct 2013.

THE RAISING ORDER



THE FIRST FLAG HOISTING BY BRIG ANIL SHARMA AND COL AK BUTAIL ON 01 DEC 2013



THE RAISING TEAM ON 01 DEC 2013

The Bn moved to Shahjahanpur under 167 Inf Bde in Jul 2014. During the tenure, the primary task of the Bn was offensive operations in Desert Sect. The newly raised unit underwent a series of exercises for employment in Desert terrain. The Bn underwent a validation exercise at MFFR (South Camp) in Aug and was declared 'Fit for War' on 24 Aug 2014.

Col JS Gill took over in Feb 2015. In Apr, the Bn participated in exercises practising mobilisation, encounter-crossing obstacles, bridge head operations, the establishment of pivots and securing axes of maintenance. The Bn carried out an exercise with a combat command and participated in formation practice manoeuvres. The unit was awarded the Div Banners for being the Best in Sports and the overall Best Bn. It received five GOC-in-C Commendations.

The Bn reached Kargil on 22 Oct 2016. Initially deployed in the rear area of the Div but later on the LC. The Bn won the Regiment's Documentation Trophy in Nov 2017. Col Ruchir Anand, SM, took over in Dec. The COAS and the GOC-in-C visited the Bn when it was deployed on the LC. On 09 May 2018, Gen Bipin Rawat, COAS, visited a forward post of the Bn. The Bn received six COAS, 11 VCOAS, and 13 GOC-in-C Commendations, besides earning its first GOC-in-C Unit Appreciation.



THE COAS VISITS THE LC



RECEIVING THE GOC-IN-C UNIT CITATION

In Oct 2018, the Bn moved to Sunjuwan, Jammu, where they won the Div MMG, AGL and Athletic championships. The Bn underwent a validation exercise of the new Integrated Battle Group concept. Col Tarun Tyagi took over on 05 Sep 2020. The Bn was also awarded 11 VCOAS, two GOC-in-C Southern Command, one GOC-in-C Northern Command, and one GOC-in-C Western Command Commendations during its Jammu tenure.

23 JAT

Col TS Hothi raised 23 JAT on 01 Jul 2016 at JAT RC, Bareilly. The flag was hoisted by Lt Gen SK Saini, COJR, and Col TS Hothi. The ceremony was attended by representatives of INS Trishul and 24 Sqn IAF. A reception cell had been established at the JAT RC, even before 01 Jul, by personnel posted to the new Bn. During the raising period, the Bn presented a Guard of Honour to the COJR within five months of their raising.

In an exercise set by the Commandant JAT RC, the Bn was tested in mobilisation, setting of camp, defensive operations and a 20 km route march.

The Bn moved to Mamun in Jan 2017. Despite being the youngest bn in the Div, 23 JAT won the athletics and aquatics competitions.

Col Avinash Rana, the 2IC, took over the Bn in Aug 2017. One coy was trained to conduct heli-borne operations. On 26 Sep, Lt Gen SK Saini, COJR, Brig AN Jha, the Centre Commandant, and Lt Col AK Bhosle, the Chief Records Officer, visited the Bn. Maj Chakshu Karwal and Maj Nikhil Rathore were nominated for the 74th Staff Course at DSSC and TSOC 44, respectively.

23 JAT received the GOC-in-C Western Command Unit Appreciation for their performance from Oct 2017 to Sep 2018. Seven persons of the Bn received GOC-in-C Commendations.



23 JAT RAISING TEAM ON 10 JUL 2016



COL AWINASH KUMAR AND SUB MAJ DHARAMVEER RECEIVING THE UNIT APPRECIATION

24 JAT

On 01 Sep 2020, the 24th Bn, the JAT Regiment was raised (the 21st regular bn of our regiment and 379th regular infantry bn of the army) by Col JS Gill at Bareilly in the presence of Lt Gen SK Saini, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, ADC, VCOAS and COJR. The raising was delayed for a month due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bn was raised of the pure composition of Jats. The unit's six-month raising period commenced on 01 Sep 20 and was completed on 28 Feb 21.



24 JAT RAISING TEAM

The RR Bns

The RR bns continued to operate in J&K. During the decade; there were fewer contacts with terrorists compared to previous decades. Peacetime activities also set in; hence the RR bns were involved in sports and professional competitions. Besides dominating their respective areas, all RR Bns have been engaged in developmental activities.

5 RR

The Bn ensured that its area of responsibility remained utterly incident free. There was no recruitment for terrorist organisations from their area. No personnel were reported missing, no IED blasts and no ambushes on convoys on the National Highway. The unit obtained the surrender of a terrorist, Talib Lali, who had operated for 20 years. Col Prateek Prashar from 12 JAT took over in Jun 2012. In Aug 2012, Maj Pradeep Misra of 5 RR was awarded the SC for an operation in which he killed two HM terrorists and apprehended one in the Guthlibagh forest. The 2014 Lok Sabha elections were conducted peacefully. During the severe Sep 2014 flooding of the Kashmir Valley, the Bn carried out rescue operations in the Sindh River, Dal Lake and Badami Bagh Cantt. Battalion rescued 150 girls from Soura and evacuated them by helicopter to Srinagar. The Bn established new operating bases at Sumbal and Dachigam. Col Sandeep Sirohi from 13 SIKH LI took command on 03 Mar 2015, maintained excellent relations with the civil administration, the police and the media, and kept the area's youth positively engaged.

Col Mukund Gururaj from 8 JAT took over the command in Jun 2017 and handed over to Col Manish Kulhari, SM, from 20 JAT on 04 Jan 2020. On 01 Sep, in the aftermath of the Galwan incident, the Bn was inducted into the Eastern Ladakh sector along the LAC under Op Snow Leopard in readiness for offensive and defensive ops. It also conducted Op Sadbhavana activities and projects for citizens in the villages near the LAC.

In this decade, the Bn was awarded one SC, five SMs, Seven COAS and fourteen GOC-in-C Commendations and suffered two battle casualties while performing its duties in the valley.

34 RR

On 11 Jan 2010, 34 RR was moved to Uri Sect. The Bn had its Rear at Bela Salambad, with two coys deployed on the LC and four on the AIOS. In the incessant rains of Sep 2014, the Bn's Rear HQ was struck by a flash flood. 45 OR and three porters were stranded. Since an aerial evacuation was impossible, with the help of a flying fox constructed by Engineers, all the personnel were evacuated by 1545 hrs the same day. Junior leaders' initiative, presence of mind, and courage saved many lives.

In May 2012, in an op conducted over two days, the Bn killed four terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the LC. Col Paramjeet Singh, the CO, Maj SS Lamba and Maj Abhishek Kukreti were awarded the SM.

Col NK Singh took over the Bn in Feb 2014 and handed over to Col NC Gairola, SM, on Dec 2016. In Dec 2017, the Bn moved to Behibagh under 2 Sect RR/CIF (V) and reverted to its primary task of counter-terrorism in the Valley for the remainder of the decade, which they carried out stupendously.

L/Nk Nazir Ahmed Wani, SM**, was part of an assault team during an operation at Batagund in the Shopian district. On 25 Nov 2018, on receipt of intelligence indicating the presence of six armed terrorists, he was tasked to block the most likely escape route. L/Nk Wani moved swiftly with his team to the house and shot one terrorist, who was later identified as a district commander of LeT.

He then closed in under heavy fire and lobbed grenades into a room where a second terrorist hid and killed a third in close combat. L/Nk Wani injured another terrorist at close range but was hit again and killed in action. L/Nk Nazir Ahmed Wani, SM**, was awarded the AC posthumously. L/Nk Nazir Ahmed Wani was born on 01 Dec 1980 in Kulgam District of South Kashmir. He had been enrolled on 16 Jan 2004 in 162 Inf Bn (TA). He was decorated with the SM in 2007 and Bar to SM in 2018.



*L/NK NAZIR AHMED WANI, AC, SM***

Col NC Gairola handed over command to Col Saket Bhardwaj in Feb 2019. Both COs were awarded the YSM. For the stupendous achievements and gallantry in the several successful ops conducted during this decade up to 26 Jan 2021, primarily in the Kulgam and Shopian districts of the valley, the Bn was awarded one AC, two SCs, one YSM, twenty-five SMs (Gallantry), one SM (Distinguished), one M-in-D. Besides, it received ten COAS, and five VCOAS, nineteen GOC-in-C Commendations. The Bn received the COAS Unit Citation in Jan 2021.



CO AND SM 34 RR BN (JAT) RECEIVING THE COAS UNIT CITATION ON 15 JAN 2021

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During the months of Mar - Apr 2011, the Bn was re-deployed within 53 Inf Bde with four coys on the AIOS and the remaining two in the second and third tiers. Col AD Pitre, from 20 JAT, assumed command on 12 Jul 11. The Bn lost Sub MK Yadav to extreme climatic conditions. The Bn was again redeployed within the Bde with four coys on the AIOS and the remaining two in the second tier with Bn HQ at Dudi. The Bn was awarded one COAS and three GOC-in-C Commendations during the command of Col Pitre.

Col Ritesh Ranjan, from 13 RAJ RIF, took over on 03 Nov 2014. On 16 Dec, the Bn recovered a Sniper Rifle and two AK-47 rifles with ammunition, leading to one GOC-in-C Commendation. On 05 Oct 2016, the Bn damaged five bunkers besides administrative facilities at enemy posts. The Bn received two GOC-in-C Commendations.

Col Vikas Sharma assumed command on 11 Jul 2017. On 18 Jul 2017, they foiled an infiltration bid and recovered various war-like stores. On 16 Sep 2017, two terrorists attempting to infiltrate were killed. The Bn was conferred with two SMs and one GOC-in-C Commendation. Hav Satvir Singh (16 JAT), deployed ahead of the Ringsar post for Observation Post duty, was killed in a landslide on 31 Mar 2019.

Col BG Thomas took over on 31 Jul 19. On 31 Aug 19, in the Bn's response to the enemy's Ceasefire Violation (CFV) at Jungle Tekri, a Pakistani soldier was injured at Lower Lunda. The Bn was awarded one COAS, five VCOAS, and six GOC-in-C Commendations. They lost Nk Purshottam Kumar, Nk Rameshwar Lal and Gnr Ranjit Singh during an avalanche on 13 Jan 2020 at Maidan Baihk Post.

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In 2011 Bn under command, Col JS Kohli was deployed in Sarh, Reasi, under 15 Sect RR/CIF (U)/16 Corps. The Bn conducted ops primarily against terrorist groups of Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Hizbul Mujahideen. The Bn was awarded nine GOC-in-C Commendations from 2011 to 2013.

Col Pradeep Balhara took over in Apr 2013. In 2014, the Bn moved to Talwara, securing the Lines of Communications in two stretches of 73 km from Talwara to Sarh and another of 37 km from Mahore to Budhal. The Bn was awarded five GOC-in-C Commendations during this tenure.

In Jun 2016, Col Balhara handed over to Col Rahul Arya. The Bn organised numerous Op Sadbhavana activities for the local populace. In Jun 2017, the Bn relocated from Talwara to Battal under 28 Inf Bde/10 Inf Div after the Battal terrorist attack on 09 Jan 2017. The Bn was initially deployed on the Anti Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) and subsequently in a dual role of LC and AIOS in the Sunderbani sector.

Col Malaya Mishra took over in Aug 2018. The Bn maintained the sanctity of the LC in the Laleali salient and the AIOS. Cease Fire Violations (CFVs) by the enemy were punitively replied to with fire assaults that resulted in killing 36 and injuring 18 enemy soldiers while destroying two posts of the enemy. Own casualties included two OR killed in action and 11 wounded. After the Pulwama terrorist attack on a CRPF convoy, a punitive fire assault by the Bn commenced on 21 Mar 2019, evinced from the enemy an SOS/distress signal when they hoisted their Pakistan flag upside down continuously for two days, as also reported by ANI and Republic Bharat TV with visuals. The enemy stopped all vehicular movement in the forward areas. In Jan 2019, the Bn completed the trial evaluation project to upgrade AIOS. The Bn was awarded three COAS, three VCOAS, and 12 GOC-in-C Commendations during his tenure from Aug 2018 to 31 Dec 20.

114 Inf Bn (TA)

In Jan 2011, The Bn was in its permanent location, Fatehgarh, under Col Sandeep Puri. On 11 Jul 2011, they moved to Kundru, J&K, in Op Rakshak, with the coys deployed at various locations in J&K. Despite being deployed in an operational area, the Bn won the COAS Silver Trophy for 2013-14; the TA Banner for 2013-14, and the Documentation Trophy (TA Bn) in the years 2010-11 to 2013-14. Sub & Hony Lt Phool Singh, Sep Vijay Singh and Nb Sub Mukesh Chandra Tripathi were awarded the GOC-in-C Commendations of Central, Northern, and Eastern Commands, respectively.

Col Koj Tari took over the Command in Aug 2014 in Kundru, J&K. The Bn was de-inducted to its permanent location Fatehgarh, in Aug 2015. The Bn consolidated on arrival at its peace location and commenced various training activities, including preparing JCOs and NCOs for various army courses. The Bn won the Central Command (TA) Championship Trophy 2015-16, and two OR were awarded GOC-in-C Central Command Commendation.

Col Avinash D Pitre took over in Apr 2017 at Fatehgarh (UP). The Bn deployed in Op Rakshak from 17 Apr 2018 to provide security to Project Beacon. The coys were deployed at Baltal, Haripura and Sunarwani. Sep Rajender Singh of HQ Coy was awarded Mention-in-Dispatches, posthumously.

Col TJ Ajith Kumar, SM, took over command in Oct 2018 at BEACON HQ, Rangreth (J&K). The Bn earned three VCOAS and two GOC-in-C Northern Command Commendations. Col TJ Ajith Kumar, SM, CO, was awarded the DGBR Commendation. The Bn won the Documentation Trophy (TA Bn) in 2019-20 and 2020-21. It returned to Fatehgarh on Nov 2021. Sub Uchit Sharma participated in various Wushu competitions at the national level and won three gold medals in the Wushu Championships in the years 2018, 2019 and 2021. He also won two bronze (2018) and one gold medal (2019) in international competitions. Hav Amit Pal, an accomplished Wushu player, was appointed as the Indian team coach in 2021.

151 Inf Bn (TA)

151 Inf Bn (TA) moved to Udhampur in Apr 2011 under Col AK Rohilla. It was responsible for protecting the HQ of Northern Command at Udhampur. Col JS Shekhawat, SC, VSM, took over the Bn in Feb 2012 at Udhampur. The Bn was awarded the prestigious COAS Silver Trophy in 2013. The Bn also won the Central Command Championship TA Banner and the Sub Area Skill at Arms Firing Competition in 2013. The Bn was deployed for Mahakumbh Mela at Prayagraj in 2012-13.

Col Sandeep Pande took over the Bn in Dec 2014 at Gaya and commanded up to Jan 2017, providing administrative support to the Officers Training Academy, Gaya. Col AS Kahlon took over in Jan 2017.

151 Inf Bn (TA) moved to Muzaffarpur in Mar 2017 and provided flood relief in Bihar. They also won the Inter TA Bn Cross-country Competition of Central Command. The Bn developed a software application to improve personnel management in the TA, which was adopted by TA units on instructions of the TA Directorate. Col Kahlon handed over to Col RK Dixit.

Overseas Deployment of INS Trishul

INS Trishul, affiliated with the Jat Regiment, carried out overseas deployment from 05 Apr to 27 May 2017. During the cruise, they took Capt Suraj (11 JAT), Sub Padam Singh (6 JAT), Hav Udeep Singh Rana (15 JAT), and Sep Yogendra Singh (18 JAT), who found it to be a lifetime experience.

As part of a group of three ships, INS Trishul left the Naval Base at Mumbai on 05 Apr 2017. The other two ships were INS Mumbai and INS Aditya, a tanker. Passing through the Suez Canal, the ships arrived at Souda Port in Greece. The Ship organised a visit to Rethymno Fort on the island of Crete, which had seen fighting during WW II. Next, they sailed to Toulon in France for four days, where they exercised with the French Navy in the Mediterranean Sea. The next port was Valencia, in Spain. They visited the city of Barcelona. They were lucky to be in Spain on 02 May, commemorating the anniversary of the revolt against Joseph Bonaparte in 1808.

On 09 May, the three ships reached Haifa in Israel. INS Trishul organised visits to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The next port of call was Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. A reception was hosted on board INS Mumbai. During the cruise, the Regiment personnel saw a combined Navies exercise in the Mediterranean, refuelling from a tanker on the high seas, operation of helicopters from ships, fusing a torpedo and small arms firing conducted by Naval personnel at sea.

Unit Citation and Appreciation

During this decade, the following bns were awarded Unit Citations/Appreciations:

2011	11 JAT	COAS
	16 JAT	COAS
2012	JAT RC	GOC-in-C
2013	7 JAT	GOC-in-C
	21 JAT	GOC-in-C
2014	5 JAT	GOC-in-C
	11 JAT	GOC-in-C
2015	6 JAT	GOC-in-C
	20 JAT	GOC-in-C
2016	7 JAT	COAS
	15 JAT	GOC-in-C
	JAT RC	GOC-in-C
2017	3 JAT	GOC-in-C
	18 JAT	GOC-in-C
2018	INS Trishul	Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)
2019	2 JAT	GOC-in-C
	7 JAT	GOC-in-C
2019	11 JAT	GOC-in-C
	22 JAT	GOC-in-C
	23 JAT	GOC-in-C
	34 RR	GOC-in-C

2020	20 JAT	COAS
	3 JAT	GOC-in-C
	4 JAT	GOC-in-C
	12 JAT	GOC-in-C
	17 JAT	GOC-in-C

The Current State

The Jat Regiment has undoubtedly come a long way in the last five decades, more so in the previous two, which can also be called the post-Kargil period. COs of this period report significant improvement in infrastructure both in peace and field. The maximum development has been in previously inaccessible areas. The men find improvement in the quality of Ordnance stores, rations and living accommodations. The time-consuming Pay Parades are obsolete, with the money being credited directly to individuals' bank accounts. The records of service and ledger accounts have been automated and can be accessed online. The grievances redressal system has improved manifold to enhance the satisfaction levels of all ranks, thus keeping pace with developing technology.

Better arms and equipment are now available, though the 5.56 INSAS rifle is overdue for change. The 7.62x51 mm SIG Sauer 716 Assault Rifle and 7,62 mm AK 203 assault rifle may be inducted soon. The Spike ATGM is being placed as sector stores on the LC. The Army is always looking for better bulletproof gear for soldiers operating against terrorists and insurgents.

There is a positive increase in professionalism of all ranks, although the reduced availability of firing ranges has had its adverse effect. The upgradation of ranks has increased promotional prospects at every level. With 60 JCOs in each bn now, as against 24 in the 1970s, the junior leaders have to be trained to handle their responsibilities. This is true for all junior leaders. The pay packages are now more attractive. Entitlements for air travel have been enhanced. Reduction in some unpopular AWWA (Army Wives Welfare Association) activities has been widely welcomed.

The availability of mobile phones in the last decade has facilitated command and control as well as welfare. At the same time, there is a need for more effective Counter Intelligence. The constant touch with families has been a tremendous morale booster though there is also the danger of depression caused by domestic quarrels back home. This increases the responsibilities of the section and platoon commanders.

There is also a danger of false allegations and the spread of vicious videos and audio clips. However, most COs feel that honest, professional and judicious COs have nothing to fear. Man management in units remains as vital as it has always been.

The COs also feel funds are more available for genuine projects, mainly operational purposes. They also think the formation commanders are more understanding and receptive, by and large, though the tendency to micromanage affairs has increased.

The most significant effect of this progress has been a marked reduction in battle and physical casualties in the Regiment.

PART 3

While the infantry, RR and TA bns form the cutting edge of the Jat Regiment, the Regiment Centre and the Records JAT provide intimate support to the Regiment.

For all Regiment activities, the Centre is the HQ of the Regiment. The Regiment Centre and the Records JAT, co-located at Bareilly, deal with all matters which concern the JCOs and OR.

It is a matter of pride for the Jat Regiment to be affiliated with INS Trishul of the Indian Navy and 24 Squadron (Hawks) of the IAF.

Other than in the bns, the activities of personnel and units are recorded in this part.



THE WAR MEMORIAL

Chapter 9

THE JAT REGIMENTAL CENTRE

The expansion during WW II led Training Bn to train 5,230 recruits for 17 active bns. Since this unit had to handle other Regiment responsibilities besides training recruits, its name changed from the Training Bn to the Regimental Centre, the 9th Jat Regiment on 02 Oct 1942 and finally to the JAT Regimental Centre in 1945.

This chapter records the Centre and Regiment level activities in chronological order of Commandants.

Col Raj Singh (03 Aug 1971 - 30 Sep 1975)



Col Raj Singh was the Commandant of the Jat Regiment Centre for over four years from Aug 1971 to Sep 1975. The officer had commanded 5 JAT during the 1965 War when the Bn had captured Phillora near Sialkot.

Since there had been casualties during the 1971 War, the strength of recruits to be trained was high. Some officers, who served at the JAT RC during this period, were Lt Col JS Mundy, Maj DS Ahlawat, Maj BD Dangwal, Capt Avtar Singh, Capt KK Khanna, Capt BS Chaudhary, Capt SN Hooda and Capt BS Nagal. Firing ranges were improved to facilitate better skill-at-arms. Capt SN Hooda trained the Republic Day Contingent in 1973 and led them on Republic Day 1974. The contingent was adjudged the Best Contingent on parade that year.



CAPT SN HOODA LEADING THE BEST MARCHING CONTINGENT ON REPUBLIC DAY 1974.



INAUGURATION OF FATEH DWAR AT THE JAT RC

An impressive gate was erected at the main entrance and named Fateh Dwar. A boundary wall was built along Shahjahanpur Road. Tube wells were dug to improve the water supply, a filtration plant was installed at the swimming pool, and a large shed was built in the training area. A new building was constructed for the Records and the Pay and Accounts Office.

After the 1971 War, many Prisoners of War camps were established in Bareilly to incarcerate Pakistani prisoners from Bangladesh. As the Station Cdr, Col Raj Singh had the added responsibility of setting up the cages, administering the camps and finally, despatching the prisoners in special trains in 1974. The Centre provided meals for all escorts and prisoners on these trains passing through Bareilly.

In those years, fifty per cent of the Army reservists required training every two years. Ad hoc training coys fulfilled this requirement on an annual basis. The system stopped after colour service for the men was increased to 15 years.

The Centre organised the 8th Reunion in Dec 1972 and the biennial conference of COs in Apr 1974. At this conference, Lt Gen Thapan proposed the name of the next COJR, and Maj Gen RK Jasbir Singh became the new Col of the Regiment in Jul 1975.



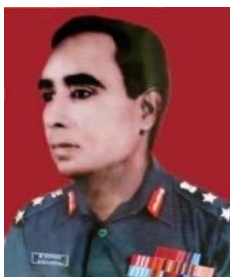
THE 8TH REUNION 19-22 DEC 1972.

Volume III of the Regiment's History (covering 1947 to 1971) was recorded by Lt Col (later Col) Gautam Sharma, AEC. The work commenced in 1974, and the volume was published in 1979. Col Gautam Sharma has been a fellow of the Indian Council of Historical Research.



THE DEFENCE MINISTER, SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM, VISITING THE JAT RC. HE IS SHAKING HANDS WITH CAPT SN HOODA. ALSO SEEN ARE CAPT AVTAR SINGH AND CAPT MALHAN, AEC

Lt Col AP Sharma (05 Dec 1975 - 29 Jul 1978)



When Col Raj Singh retired in Sep 1975, Lt Col PA Patole officiated as the Commandant till Col AP Sharma took over in Dec the same year. The latter was psc and LDMC. In 1976, the Centre organised a Centre Commandants conference in Feb and the COs Biennial Conference in Oct of the same year.



COMMANDING OFFICERS AT THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN OCT 1976

Col DS Shekhawat, AVSM (29 Jul 1978 - 23 Aug 1981)



Col Durjan Singh Shekhawat, AVSM, was the 2IC of 3 JAT during the Battle of Dograi and later commanded 4 JAT and 1 JAT. He took over as Commandant in Jul 1978. The Regiment Centre organised the 9th Reunion in Feb 1979. During the Reunion, a scarlet scarf with dark blue stripes was accepted as the new Regiment scarf.



THE 9TH REUNION: 22-25 FEB 1979



SUB MAJ POKHAR RAM AT THE 1979 REUNION

The Jat Regiment team trained at the Centre excelled in ARA Championships. By winning the ARA Championship Banner in Dec 1979 at Mhow. The Centre team won the Inter-Centre Basketball, Wrestling and Cross Country Championships.



COL DURJAN SINGH SHEKHAWAT RECEIVES THE ARA BANNER; LT MANMEGH SINGH RECEIVES THE ARA CUP FROM THE COAS



SUB MAJ & HONY CAPT MUKHTIAR SINGH AND SUB MAJ BHIM SINGH CARRYING THE OLYMPIC TORCH AT THE JAT RC

Brig LN Sabherwal, AVSM (24 Aug 1981 - 31 Jul 1984)



Brig LN Sabherwal took over as the Commandant in Aug 1981. He had commanded 14 JAT during the 1971 War. The Jat War Memorial received a significant facelift with Nk Bhima Ram of 14 JAT executing the facelift under the Commandant's supervision. The Regiment Printing Press was inaugurated by a young officer in the Commandant's presence on 05 Jul 1984. In Feb 1983, the Colours Presentation Ceremony was held at the JAT RC.

"The valour and deeds of the JAT soldiers are enshrined in our long history. Their exceptional dedication to duty, courage and tenacity in fighting foreign invaders are well known and are part of our military heritage." - Gen KV Krishna Rao, PVSM, COAS, at the Colour Presentation Ceremony, 23 Nov 1983.

At an impressive parade held at the Centre on 16 Feb 1983, Capt Sukhdev Kumar of 12 JAT, Capt R Sharan of 15 JAT and Capt TS Raghav of 19 JAT received the Colours for their Bns. Brig LN Sabherwal was awarded the AVSM in 1983.

Brig BS Bains (01 Aug 1984 - 25 Jul 1987)



Brig BS Bains took over as Commandant in Aug 1984. Col BD Dangwal, VSM, had been posted as the Deputy Commandant a few months earlier. In the next three years, Brig Bains took many momentous decisions and continued to improve the training, infrastructure and administration, as explained in the succeeding paras.

On receiving reports of a few corrupt civilians in the PAO exploiting retiring personnel of the Regiment, he gathered information about the erring personnel. He wrote to the CGDA to have them removed. The Centre bought mechanised implements to reduce the deployment of recruits on the farm by half. With better management and controls, the Farm profits multiplied to over rupees Forty lakhs per year.

The Training Cell was responsible for training the recruits in Drill, Weapon Training, and Field Craft. The coy commanders continued to be responsible for all other subjects and the overall development of recruits. Col M Krishna Rao, VSM, was brought in as the Training Bn Cdr. The latter introduced several new training aids to improve the quality of training substantially. These included a Grenade Course and a challenging Obstacle Course in the training area.

The British officers contributed Rs 56,000 to create a trust for the education of the children of Jat Regiment soldiers.



THE 10TH REUNION: 25-27 FEB 1985

A 1500-acre Pathar Chatta Farm near Pantnagar University was an asset of the Governor of UP, run from Lucknow, with profits for ex-servicemen. Since the Farm had not generated profits due to unionised labour, the Governor approached the Army Cdr, who spoke to Brig LN Sabherwal in 1984. Brig Sabherwal moved 1,000 recruits to the farm to train and work at the farm for about one month. The Pathar Chatta Farm began generating profit. The Farm was divided into four pockets, and the responsibility of managing the farm was shared with three other Regimental Centres. The Farm was also used as an area for recruit training camps. Both training and farming activities continued. Civil labour was inducted incrementally to work under the watchful eyes of managers appointed by the Regimental Centres.

In June 1984, armed mutineers were making their way from the SIKH RC, Ramgarh, to Amritsar in the aftermath of Op Blue Star. The Centre and other units and formations intercepted and disarmed them on routes between Bareilly and Shahjahanpur. They were arrested without any loss of life and detained at the Centre for a week.

The Mauji Ram was accepted as the Regiment Mascot in 1985. The military band trained at AEC Centre and College at Pachmarhi. The surroundings of the Fish Pond area were improved to make it into a picnic spot with boating facilities.

On the retirement of Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, took over as COJR in May 1985.

Brig Shakti Singh, VSM (26 Jul 1987 - 25 Jun 1990)



Brig Shakti improved the training team system to be responsible for imparting training in Weapon Training, Field Craft and Drill. The strength of recruits at the Centre increased due to deployment in Op Pawan.

The Jat Regiment won the ARA Championship banner once again. Hav Amar Pal of 3 JAT received the Prime Minister's cup during the combat shooting competition in 1988. The JAT RC also conducted the Central Command Army Day parade on 15 Jan 1990 at Bareilly. The Area Cdr commended the JAT RC for its immaculate conduct.

The 11th Reunion was held at the JAT RC from 01 to 03 Mar 1990. At that time, communications were so unreliable that a letter to the British officers posted on 20 Apr 1989 reached them only in Oct that year. About 300 personnel attended, including 95 officers. Some British officers also graced the occasion. Capt Bill Rowling had to return to the UK prematurely from Delhi because of ill health. At that time, the youngest British officer was 62 years old.



THE 11TH REUNION: 01 -03 MAR 1990

The British Jat Officers Association contributed Rs 1.63 lakhs during the 1985 and 1990 Reunions. An Education Trust was set up and 19 scholarships were awarded in 1991.

On Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, seeking voluntary retirement, Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, VSM, took over as the COJR in Aug 1990. Lt Gen R Narasimhan selected Col BD Dangwal, VSM, as the next Commandant.

Col BD Dangwal, VSM (26 Jun 1990 - 31 Jan 1994)**



Col Dangwal, VSM, served as the Commandant for over three and a half years from Jun 1990 to Jan 1994. Having served two tenures at the Centre in the previous two decades, Col Dangwal realised the tremendous contribution made by his eminent predecessors to upgrade training at the Centre. Having held the appointments of Training Company Cdr, Adjutant and Deputy Commandant, he had intimate knowledge of the Centre and the areas that needed further improvement.

A system of Week JCOs and Week NCOs was instituted who took charge of the complete all-around development of a batch of recruits, from when they reported to the Centre to the time they became young soldiers. Based on the standards achieved by their trainees, the best duo of Week JCOs/NCOs were awarded annually. Among the recruits, the best runners and firers were awarded Tez Daurak and Nishanebaaz. Their names are inscribed on the gates of Kharkabagh, a practice that continues to date. During the camps, recruits were appointed as platoon and section commanders, who planned and conducted the training under the supervision of the Week JCOs. Col Dangwal found the Commandant's test to be a misnomer, with the test conducted by others. Col Dangwal conducted the tests himself.

Attestation parades commanded by officers till 1990 at the Quarter Guard were now commanded by a recruit at the Bakshi Parade Ground. Fly Pasts were also arranged. The first

such parade was of Batch number 3/92, which was commanded by Recruit Gaje Singh of Dograi Company on 15 Mar 1993.



*RECRUIT GAJE SINGH, THE FIRST RECRUIT TO COMMAND
THE ATTESTATION PARADE AT JAT RC IN MAR 1993.*

During a visit to 2 JAT in 2018, a smart Hav came up to Gen Khanna and proudly announced, “*Sahab aap ke time Parade maine command ki thi*”. For him, it was like being an Academy Under Officer at the IMA!

A system of Batch numbers indicating the month in which training commenced for that batch. Training started within two days of a batch of 40 assembling at the Centre. Behind the Bakshi Parade Ground, the façade of a rampart was constructed using bricks from demolished buildings. These bricks were purchased from MES contractors since they were found to be of far better quality than the bricks available in the market. After that, the Centre installed a clock brought from Calcutta. First, one face was installed, then on request of the neighbouring villagers, another face was installed facing Shahjahanpur Road.

In Nov 1992, the Commandant briefed Lt Gen YN Sharma, the GOC-in-C and Col of the Grenadiers. Initially scheduled for 100 minutes, the briefing cum visit lasted four hours, with all other engagements of the Army Cdr being cancelled for the day. Impressed with the Centre, the Army Cdr directed the Commandant and staff of Grenadiers RC to visit and emulate the JAT RC.

The mascot of Mauji Ram began to be printed on DO pads in addition to the Regiment Crest. A booklet on the Customs and Traditions of the Regiment was compiled.

Names of training coys were changed to Festubert, Mooltan, Dograi, Muar and Phillora, based on battle honours of the first five bns. An additional dormitory was created at the Jasbir Hostel.

A scholarship scheme was introduced for the Regiment from Jat British Education Trust. Nineteen scholarships were awarded to meritorious children during the first year.

Hony Lt Col Chaudhary Raghvendra Singh, MBE, presented the Mukut Budhwar Trophy for the Best Sportsman of the Year. He also donated Rs One lakh as a corpus for cash incentives to meritorious sportsmen of the Regiment.

The sanction was obtained to recruit Military Band personnel at the Centre instead of recruitment offices. Aspirants were to work with the Band for two to three years on little pay and enlisted when vacancies arose. Such were the standards of training and discipline that in Jan 1993, six such aspirant bandsmen participated in the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi without anyone being the wiser. As the Commandant and OIC Records, Col Dangwal visited all Bns at least once, most twice and even three times, based on need.

For outstanding service to the Regiment and the Centre, Col Dangwal, VSM, was awarded a richly deserved Bar to VSM.

Brig Sukhbir Singh, VSM (01 Feb 1994 - 16 May 1996)



Lt Gen HB Kala, GOC 11 Corps and COJR selected Brig Sukhbir Singh as the next Centre Commandant, who immediately commenced preparations for the mammoth celebrations of the Regiment's and the Centre's forthcoming Bicentenary from 16-22 Nov 1995. Preparations had begun under Col Dangwal, VSM** and Lt Col PS Rautela, the previous Commandant and Deputy. Gen Kala's several visits to the Centre in the preceding year became a monthly affair closer to the celebrations.

Since these celebrations are already well documented and photographed in the special editions of JATVEERs of 1995, 1996 and 1997 (all edited by Lt Col Vershal Sharma), events are only briefly described here.

A mountaineering expedition of the Regiment, led by Maj Sonam Takpa, and flagged off by the COAS at Delhi on 05 May, summited Mt Kamet (7756 mtr) and Abi Gamin (7355 mtr). The Regiment Museum building was completed just in time to be inaugurated by Gen Shankar Roychowdhury, PVSM, ADC, COAS, who arrived on 20 Nov. The COAS presented the President's Colours to 20 JAT and 21 JAT, after which he stayed for the Bicentenary Lunch. JAT officer veterans from Britain attending the celebrations contributed their memorabilia to the Museum. Cycle Expeditions and the Eastern Leg of the Trans Himalayan Trekking Expedition led by Lt Col RA Muthiah (the Northern Leg led by Maj GK Sharma was conducted earlier in Aug-Oct) from JAT Bns from all corners of the country converged at the Centre and were flagged in by the COAS. The Bicentenary Trophy was unveiled at the JAT House, with miniature replicas presented to all the Bns. A Bicentenary Commemorative Tie (similar to but not a replacement for the Regimental tie) and a tweed golf cap woven with our colours were some souvenirs to commemorate the celebrations. The COAS also released a First Day Cover and Stamp. Focus resumed on training after a short break after the festivities.



FIRST DAY COVER AND STAMP OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE JAT REGIMENT IN 1995

A conservative estimate of the gathering puts the number at 5000. All previous COJRs and Centre Commandants, except for Col RN Banerjee, attended. The oldest British officer to attend was Maj WD Rowling, 83, while the eldest Indian officer was Lt Col Akhe Ram, MBE, 82. The oldest JCO was Sub Maj & Hony Capt Sunder Singh. The last formal event, the Bicentenary Dinner Night on the 21st, laid under shamiana cover on the lawns of the Mess, was attended by 400 officers and ladies.



THE 12TH (BICENTENARY) REUNION 16-22 NOV 1995

(Photographed by Mela Ram & Sons; in the circular Basketball Stadium, JRC, by rotating a Box Camera while exposing and simultaneously rotating the film in the opposite direction.)

The COAS, in his DO to COJR, wrote, " *It was a great pleasure to witness the Bicentenary Parade on 20 Nov 1995. The whole event was conducted with excellent precision and meticulous attention to detail. Please convey my appreciation to All Ranks of the Jat Regimental Centre.*"

Brig Satish Kumar (26 Dec 1996 - 19 Mar 1999)



Brig Sukhbir proceeded to command 1 Sect RR in Kashmir in Mar 1996. Brig Satish Kumar took over as the Commandant, in Dec, after the command of an Assam Rifles Range in Manipur.

Lt Gen HB Kala was appointed GOC-in-C Western Command in Nov 1996. The Jat Regiment Shaheed Parivar Fund and Col Waldren Fund were created in 1997. The Shaheed Parivar Fund was created as a one-time refundable contribution by personnel of the Regiment. However, since most officers voluntarily gave up their contribution on retirement, it was made non-refundable. Col Waldren Fund was for the welfare of personnel of the Regiment, the priority being for 6 JAT since the British officer had served in 6 JAT. A few years later, officers of 6 JAT claimed that this money was solely for their Bn personnel and that it should be transferred to the Bn. Gen Kala overruled this to honour the understanding signed by the COJR when the money had been received.

The JAT RC was responsible for organising the Army Athletics Championship at Bareilly. The racetrack in the stadium was widened to eight lanes, and the surface was improved to international standards.

The Regiment won the Army Cross Country Championship. Brig Satish Kumar shifted the Commandant's office to its new location, and Gen Kala, the COJR, inaugurated this. The Deputy Commandant took over the previous office of the Commandant.

Brig BS Chaudhary, VSM (20 Mar 1999 - 14 Aug 2002)



Brig BS Chaudhary, VSM, took over as the Commandant just before the Kargil War. He had commanded 21 JAT on the Glacier and an Assam Rifles sector in Tripura with distinction. There were many casualties during the Kargil war. The Centre maintained contact with 67 widows and next of kin (NOK) of those killed in action. 11 gas agencies, four petrol pumps and 13 dwelling units of DDA were allotted to the NOK of the battle casualties.

Preparations began in earnest for the Millennium Reunion in 2000. Gen Kala announced the election of Maj Gen KK Khanna as the new COJR on 20 Nov 2000. Maj Gen Khanna took over as the COJR on 10 Feb 2001. Maj Gen KK Khanna presented the 14 Inf Div Trophy for the best firer at the Centre.



THE 13TH RE-UNION: 18-22 NOV 2000

The Regimental Mandir was renovated in 2002 under Brig BS Chaudhary by Col Arun Kumar and Lt Col CS Handa. The latter had arranged resources and supervised the renovation.

Brig Shyam Lal (15 Aug 2002 - 13 Mar 2006)



Standard procedures for the Col Walden Memorial Trust Fund and the Jat Regiment Scholarship Scheme were formalised and implemented. The Jat Nursery School was inaugurated in Apr 2003. At the Centre, a computer laboratory was established, and a new gymnasium was constructed, presently called 'Mukhtiyar Gymnasium' after Sub Maj Mukhtiyar Singh, Arjuna Award for wrestling in 1967. Lt Gen SK Sinha, the Governor of J&K, was the Chief Guest during Raising day celebrations in Nov 2004. Gen Sinha was commissioned in 6 JAT in 1944. The Regiment conducted 'Punar Milan Abhiyan' every year to visit the Regiment's hometowns and villages to meet veterans, families and war widows. Personnel of different bns were tasked to visit the districts in our recruiting areas in Nov every year.



YOUNG BLOOD SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2003 AND 2004

The Regiment won the Army Young Blood Shooting competition five times, in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2009. A new Model Room and a Laundry were established. A new MI Room and JCO Mess were constructed as part of the Key Location Plan. The 14th Reunion was organised in Nov 2005.



THE 14TH REUNION: 18-20 NOV 2005

A team of six officers and 140 OR from 227 Inf Bn of the US Army visited the Centre in Jan 2006, the first time a US contingent visited the JAT RC.

Brig DL Chowdhary, VSM (06 May 2006 - 15 Mar 2008)



The COJR selected Brig DL Chowdhary, VSM, as the next Commandant. He had served as Brig General Staff (BGS) of a Corps. Maj TJ Ajith Kumar of 14 JAT was posted on completing his staff course. Col Rajesh Anand, Col GS of an Inf Div, was posted as the Deputy Commandant. The KLP Phase 1 construction was completed at the Centre. A solar heating system was installed, and a Herbal garden was established. Assisted by Lt Col Soma Shankar and Lt Col Shakti Sharma, OIC Museum at the JAT RC, the Regiment produced a Coffee Table Book and released it on 20 Nov 2006. Lt Gen BS Nagal, SM, took over the colonelcy in Dec 2006.

The Jat Regiment Contingent, led by Capt Sumit Dabral, was declared the best marching contingent on the Republic Day Parade in Jan 2007.



*LT GEN S YADAV, UYSM, AVSM, PRESENTING THE YOUNG BLOOD SHOOTING TROPHY TO
BRIG DL CHOWDHARY, VSM, IN 2007*



CAPT SUMIT DABRAL LEADING THE JAT REGIMENT CONTINGENT ON THE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE IN JAN 2007

Brig RK Sharma, SM (14 May 2008 - 31 Dec 2010)



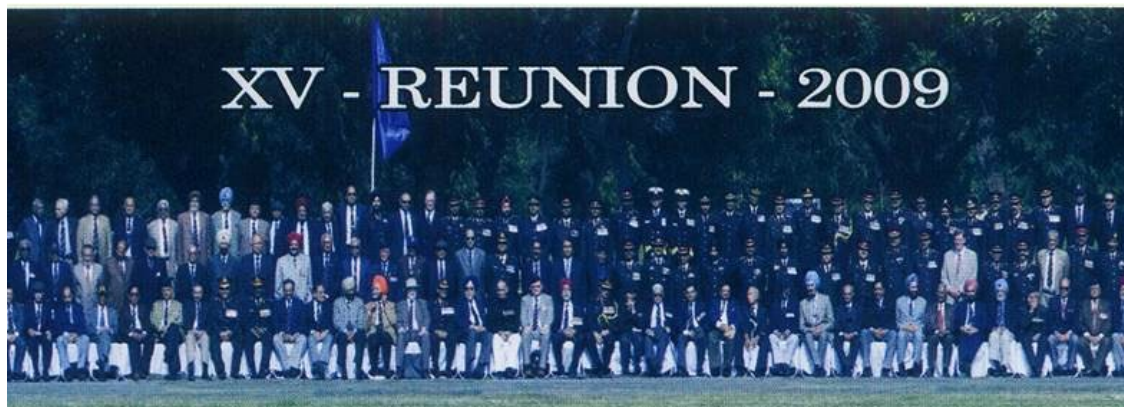
Brig DL Chowdhary was posted-out on 16 Mar 2008. Col Jyotirmoy Ghosal officiated till Brig RK Sharma, SM, took over on 14 May 2008. Lt Gen Nagal obtained the Govt's sanction to hold the next Reunion in Nov 2009 and every four years after that instead of every five years as hitherto fore. The Regiment was affiliated with INS Trishul in an impressive ceremony in Mumbai on 20 Jan 2009. Details of the Affiliation ceremony are given in Chapter 13.



YOUNG BLOOD SHOOTING TROPHY 2009

The MES completed the New Museum building in Feb 2010. Lt Gen BS Nagal, COJR, approved the conceptualisation of the New Museum in May work on internal displays commenced in Jul. The gate to the PT ground was named 'Jojan Thomas Dwar' after Col Jojan Thomas, KC, which was inaugurated by his wife, Mrs Beena Jojan Thomas.

On 21 Nov 2010, Raghu Raman Dwar was inaugurated in memory of Maj Dinesh Raghu Raman, AC, by his wife, his parents and his four-month-old daughter. His father, Capt S Krishnamurthy, was present during the ceremony.



THE 15TH RE-UNION: 18-20 NOV 2009

Brig Rajesh Anand (01 Jan 2010 - 23 Aug 2012)



Maj Gen Rajiv Bhalla, SM, VSM, took over as the COJR in Dec 2010. He selected Brig Rajesh Anand to be the Commandant in Jan 2011. Brig Anand had earlier been Deputy Director General (Public Information) at Army HQ and the Deputy Commandant of the JAT RC.

Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) Rajiv Bhalla, SM, took over the colonelcy in Jan 2011.

On 31 Jan 2011, seven officers of the Nepal Army visited the RC and were briefed on the training and career planning of JCOs and OR. Two groups of 25 Gentlemen Cadets from IMA Dehradun visited the JAT RC.

A new Personality Development Programme was run for recruits. Microsoft Inc conducted classes under Project 'KSHAMTA' to enhance skills in IT and English language skills. On 12 Oct 2011, 1265 soldiers received associate degrees during a convocation ceremony for JCOs and OR under project Gyandeep of the IGNOU. A new sports complex with synthetic basketball and volleyball courts was inaugurated by Brig Labh Singh and was named after him.

In Mar 2011, the Regiment stood second in the Young Blood Firing Competition. They were presented with the TATA Cup. The sports teams of the Regiment won the Army Wrestling and Kabaddi championships and UB Area Athletics and Handball championships.

The Biennial Conference cum JORA Meet was held in Nov 2011, when a comprehensive JORA Directory was presented to all members. An additional dining hall was created in the Officers' Mess.

In Jan 2012, the JAT RC was awarded the Army Cdr's Citation - their first - and adjudged the best Regimental Centre in Central Command. In addition, Centre personnel were awarded two COAS Commendations, ten GOC-in-C Commendations and two AWWA Badges of Excellence. Brig Rajesh Anand was awarded the COAS Commendation.

Brig Anil Sharma (24 Aug 2012 - 30 Jun 2015)



Brig Anil Sharma from 17 JAT was selected to be the next Commandant. Under the guidance of the COJR, the new Commandant established a Heritage Conference Hall in the main office block, a Mauji Ram Conference Hall at Records, and a helpline. An Information kiosk was set up at the Museum, and a synthetic Handball court was created in the sports complex.

25 Sep 2013 was a sad day for the Regiment with the passing of Brig DE Hayde, MVC, at Kotdwar. He was laid to rest next to his wife with full military honours in the Bareilly Cantonment Cemetery next to his wife, Shiela Hayde. The Hero of Dograi was missed at the 16th Reunion in Nov 2013.



THE 16TH REUNION FIRST DAY COVER



THE 16TH REUNION - NOV 2013.

Recruits of the Regiment won the 12th Young Blood Shooting Championship again in 2013 after four years.



YOUNG BLOOD SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

A capsule of four weeks was conducted for the Afghan National Army (ANA) personnel every year from 2014 to 2018, training 124 officers and 173 NCOs.

Brig AN Jha (01 Jul 2015 - 13 Dec 2017)



Lt Gen Rajiv Bhalla handed over the colonelcy to Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) SK Saini, YSM, VSM, on 01 Oct 2015. Lt Gen Saini decided to approach the United Service Institution of India, which appointed Lt Gen KK Khanna, PVSM, AVSM**, Retd, to record the fourth volume of the regiment's history from 1972 to 2010.

JAT RC celebrated its 220th raising day along with the JORA meet and Biennial Conference from 18- 20 Nov 2015. The Centre was awarded the GOC-in-C Central Command Unit Citation on 15 Jan 2016. A four-week counter-terrorism capsule for 20 officers and 20 sergeants of the Afghan National Army was conducted from 30 Jan 2016. The Centre won the UB Area Boxing Championship among eight teams in Apr. On 13 Oct 2016, a JORA webpage for providing information to veterans of the Regiment was hosted on indianarmy.nic.in. The site contained history, honours and awards, achievements, and a photo gallery of the Regiment.



THE 17TH REUNION - NOV 2017

Brig Inderjeet Singh, SC, SM (14 Dec 2017 - 23 Sep 2020)



The number of recruits under training in the Centre increased to twenty-six hundred, partly due to the raising of 24 JAT on 01 Sep 2020. The second four-week counter-terrorism training capsule for 15 officers and 15 sergeants of the Afghan National Army (ANA) sergeants terminated on 03 Feb 2018. Lt Gen Harish Thukral, SM, GOC UB Area, presented a vintage T-55 tank in a ceremony on 24 Jan 2018 at Mohammad Ali Jauhar University (MAJU) Campus, which was received by the Chancellor, Shri Mohd Azam Khan. A ten-member cycle rally, led by Maj Rupesh Kumar, flagged off from Bareilly on 16 Oct traversed town and villages, meeting school children and veterans, promoting the spirit of adventure and camaraderie culminated at India Gate, New Delhi. The COAS addressed the rally team on Inf Day.

Strict measures to isolate recruits in a 'bubble' prevented diluting standards and maintained the training tempo during the pandemic.

Brig Adarsh K Butail (24 Sep 2020 - till date)



225th Raising Day of JAT Regiment Celebrated on 19-20 Nov 2020. The JAT Regiment Contingent was declared the 'Best Marching Contingent' on Republic Day Parade 2021. Strict measures to isolate recruits continued through the pandemic waves in 2020 and 2021. The XVIII Reunion and JORA Meet due in Nov 2021 was cancelled while the Centenary of the establishment of the Jat Regimental Centre at Bareilly was celebrated on a low key. There were no cases of COVID-related illnesses or deaths. Due to the pause in army-wide enlistment in Jun 2021, no recruits were under training by Apr 2022. The regiment's contingent led by Capt RS Sambyal

in the Republic Day Parade in Jan 2021 was adjudged the Best Contingent for the third time. Due to the pause in army-wide enlistment in Jun 2021, no recruits were under training by Apr 2022.



CAPT RS SAMBYAL LEADING THE JAT REGIMENT CONTINGENT ON THE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE IN JAN 2021



BRIG AK BUTAIL AND SUB MAJ VIRENDER RECEIVING THE BEST MARCHING CONTINGENT TROPHY FROM SHRI RAJNATH SINGH, RAKSHA MANTRI

The Jat Museum

The credit for constructing the Jat Museum, now known as **the Pre-Independence Wing**, goes to Lt Gen R Narasimhan for his untiring efforts to obtain Central Army Cdr's sanction to build. Lt Gen FN Bilimoria, PVSM, ADC, GOC-in-C Central Command laid the double-storied building's foundation stone on 01 Jun 1991. The design is based broadly on the Kumaon

Regiment Museum at Ranikhet. A sacred stone from the Badrinath Shrine brought by Col BD Dangwal, VSM**, the then Commandant, is installed on the front left corner base as a blessing from the holy shrine. The construction took about two and a half years to complete.



GEN KALA SHOWING THE JAT MUSEUM (NOW THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE WING) TO THE COAS ON ITS INAUGURATION ON 20 NOV 1995

Lt Col Vershal Sharma, Col Vijay Singh and Brig Sukhbir Singh, the then Commandant, put their heart and soul into this project - rummaging through old documents and stores. Lt Gen Kala conceptualised the theme and carried out detailed historical research. JORA (UK) contributed Rs 65,000 for some of the display cabinets. The old bns and officers contributed memorabilia. Brig Sukhbir took the plan of the surrounding gardens and lawns upon himself.

In the station Key Location Plan (KLP), the main office building of the Centre was planned to be demolished, and a new main office block was to be constructed in its place. Lt Gen KK Khanna, COJR, decided instead to house **the Post-Independence Wing** of the Museum in this new main office block while retaining the original main office building as a heritage monument. The new administrative building, after modification, would showcase the progress of the Regiment after Independence, as the Museum built in 1995 was crowded with exhibits. Construction commencing in Jun 2007 was completed in Feb 2010. Gen BS Nagal, the COJR, tasked Lt Col Indranil Biswas with designing and executing this project under the guidance of Brig RK Sharma, SM, Commandant, who, in his previous tenure as Training Bn Cdr at the Centre, had upgraded the Old Museum in 2004. The COJR approved the final design with an 'Infotainment Theme' in Jun 2010. The core team for the design and internal work team, led by Col Biswas, included Sub Samunder Singh, 12 JAT and later Maj Gaurav Garg, 18 JAT. The

services of Shri Nilesh Bhattacharya, a graduate of the National Institute of Design, and Jayanta Bhattacharya, an interior designer, were engaged. In Nov, Gen Nagal secured a donation of Rs 40 Lacs from Hon'y Lt Col Raghuvendra Singh. Masonry and carpentry work of the interior was completed by Dec. With the retirement of Gen Nagal and Brig Sharma in Dec, the project passed on to Maj Gen Rajiv Bhalla, COJR, and Brig Rajesh Anand, Commandant. Gen Bhalla approved the design of displays on 02 Jun 2011. The Post-Independence Wing, named the Chaudhary Raghuvendra Singh Wing, was inaugurated by Maj Gen Rajiv Bhalla in the presence of Brig DE Hayde, MVC, on 20 Nov 2011. The Pre-Independence Wing was renamed the Narasimhan Wing.

The Museum Complex in the Centre is spread over three acres. The Post-Independence Wing houses an Archives and Research Center that publishes biannual JORA and Regiment newsletters and the annual bilingual regimental Journal - JATVEER (first published 1929).



INAUGURATION OF THE POST-INDEPENDENCE WING OF THE MUSEUM

The Military Band

The Regiment Military Band was raised in 1946 under Jemadar Gulam Hussain at Rampur. Jemadar Gulam Hussain remained Band Master from 1946 to 1950 and played a pioneering role in training the Band. With the departure of 19 Muslim personnel for Pakistan of the 27-strong Centre's Pipes & Drums and Military Band, the band strength depleted in Aug 1947. After the Rampur State Forces disbandment, some members joined the Centre's Military Band.

L/Nk Padam Singh, who joined the Band in 1946, was promoted to Jemadar Band Master in 1951.

In 1951, Bandsmen were fitted out in new winter clothing comprising gold brocaded scarlet jackets, deep blue trousers and gilded turbans, replacing the earlier plain Khaki clothing of the 45 bandsmen manning the pipes and drums and the brass band that dated back to 1945, when the band participated in a station tattoo. Until 1946, the regimental marches of the senior units were as follows:-

- 1 JAT - JOCKEY TO THE FAIR
- 2 JAT - I AM NINETY FIVE
- 3 JAT - CAPT NORMAN ORR-EWING March
- JRC - BACK O BENNACHIE

Deliberations resulted in adopting the JRC's regimental march for the JAT Regiment.

The old Regiment song “जाटों का इतिहास हमारे भारत का इतिहास है, सदा संगठन व वीरता का जाटों में वास है” was written, in 1973, by Capt (later Col) Vijay Singh of 4 JAT. The lyrics were adopted as the Regiment Song in 1995. Its tune was jointly composed by Sub Maj Ganesh Gurung and Hav Kishan Singh of the Kumaon and Jat Regiment Centre Military Bands, respectively. In 2011, Lt Gen Kala wrote the present Regiment Song “मेरी रेजिमेंट मेरी शान” whose tune composed by Hav ND Vaishnav, Retd, was approved by IHQ of MoD (Army) letter No. A/78008/V/GS/MT-14 (i) dated 14 Oct 2011. This tune is since invariably played during the attestation parades along with the Regimental March. Our Military Band has had the privilege of frequently performing at Rashtrapati Bhawan, Amar Jawan Jyoti, India Gate and at other ceremonial occasions at the National level. Sub Ramesh Singh received a commendation certificate from the MS to the President.



MILITARY BAND LED BY CHM MANOJ KUMAR WITH THE PRESIDENT IN 2017



MILITARY BAND LED BY NB SUB DS RAWAT WITH THE PRESIDENT IN MAR 2022

Civilian Staff at the Jat Regiment Centre

The JAT RC has been fortunate to have some excellent civilian staff for many decades during this history. These loyal men became institutions and enhanced the glory of the Jat Regiment. They deserve a place of honour in our History.

Khidmatgar Inayat Ali first saw service with a British officer at the age of eight years. The officer was pleased to award him a certificate saying he was a “smart chhokra”. With this, he joined the JAT RC Officers’ Mess in 1924. Inayat was always immaculately dressed and remained cheerful, polite and unperturbed. Even after a late-night party, he was up with the lark in a bright white uniform and a flawlessly tied turban. Besides being an excellent Khidmatgar, Inayat was a billiards marker of repute. He helped beginners learn the game and would demonstrate his prowess on the table when asked.

Anecdotes of Inayat abound in regimental lore. Once, in the mid-1980s, Inayat Ali was detailed to serve a visiting Army Cdr at the MES IB Bareilly. Before the Army Cdr’s arrival, the Area GOC ticked off Inayat Ali using some words. After the visit, the GOC realised he had been harsh to the Khidmatgar. He said he had to tick him off all for the organisation’s good, and he did not mean to hurt his feelings. After all, Inayat was not his enemy. To this, Inayat Ali replied most respectfully:

“Sahab, aap hamare Dushman kyon honge. Aap to Hindustani ho. Dushman to Angrez the, jinhon ne 50 saal tak unchi awaz men baat tak nahin ki, aur hamen hath par bitha kar rakha”

The GOC departed without another word.

Abdar Khwaja Hussein was an Abdar who also served in the Dining Hall during dinner nights. He joined the Regiment in 1957, after about five years' service with the Rajput Regimental Centre and a short stint with 3 PUNJAB. Whilst Inayat only spoke when spoken to, Khwaja loved to talk of the good old days. He talked of when he knew Generals Cariappa and Thapan as Captains.



BRIG BM BALI (3 JAT), THE SUB AREA CDR, WITH ABDAR KHWAJA HUSSEIN, KHIDMATGAR INAYAT ALI AND MASALCHI JHUMMAN

Khwaja had been a barman for decades and remembered the tastes of various officers who had visited the Mess. If he found a visiting dignitary in an unpleasant mood, he could take a favourite drink to the gentleman and say:

“Huzur aap auron se naraz honge, Khwaja se to naraz nahin hain?”

That would invariably change the mood of the senior officer. Khwaja also spoke glibly of ‘Shikar’ and Fishing. It seems he had often played Cricket with the British officers. He was proud of the Mess customs and did not hesitate to speak his mind when he observed young officers violating any.

A memorial to these stalwarts was constructed in the Officers’ Mess.

Chef Kishore Masih was a Master Chef who served the Regiment for almost thirty-five years. Kishore joined the Jat Regiment in 1961 and always produced mouthwatering cuisine. A calm and quiet worker who was never perturbed, even when cooking for large gatherings. He was skilled in cooking Indian, Continental and Chinese fare.

Jhumman worked as Masalchi at the Officers’ Mess. He had worked as an orderly with British Officers in Bareilly. He joined the JAT Mess in 1945, worked diligently throughout, proud of his ability.

Another stalwart in the JAT Officer's Mess was **Beni Ram**, a Mali (Gardener). Beni Ram started working as a Mali in 1935 and took an interest in becoming an expert in his field. He loved his garden and took pride in making it the best in Bareilly.

Izzat Hussain joined the JAT RC Printing Press as an 'Assistant in the Offset Section of the Press' in Jun 1997. A quiet and unassuming worker, Izzat's personality developed with every added responsibility placed on his shoulders. He disarms you with his smile and wins you with his professional skill. Izzat specialises in Offset, Screen and Multicolour Printing. In its initial years, Izzat's art added to the aesthetics in the Centre's Pre-Independence Wing of the Museum.

Chapter 10

EVOLUTION OF THE JAT REGIMENT OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (JORA)

From 1922 to 1940, most infantry regiments had three active bns and a training centre. The Army was small, so all officers knew one another. The massive expansion and contraction during WW2 over; after Independence, there was no expansion, and the Army remained small. Significant growth took place in the Sixties after the Sino-Indian Conflict. With the induction of Emergency Commissioned Officers, the officer cadre in the Regiment increased rapidly. Regimental cohesion and camaraderie could not keep pace, particularly in the new Bns. Though the stalwarts maintained their bonds, they noticed some indifference in junior officers and regimental grooming. Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, the COJR, noted that decision-making in the Regiment (like elsewhere in the Army) was ad hoc. He felt it was possible to utilise the depth of wisdom and experience of many regimental officers, both serving and retired, in a forum where important regimental issues were freely debated.

Gen Jasbir Singh's proposal to form a Jat Regiment Officers' Association was unanimously accepted during the Tenth Reunion. While the Association was created after dinner on 27 Feb 1985, the acronym JORA (more intonate than the literal JROA) was adopted in Dec 1986. The founder members, Brig BS Bains, Commandant, and Col BD Dangwal, Deputy Commandant, outlined the aims, objectives, and responsibilities. These were approved by Lt Gen Jasbir Singh and communicated to all officers on 05 Mar 1985. The aims and objectives then formulated were to:-

1. Forge close links between the serving and retired officers of the Regiment.
2. Act as a coordinating body for the welfare activities of all veterans of the Regiment.
3. Keep retired officers posted on the activities and achievements of the Regiment through newsletters.

The first officer to become a member was Brig LN Sabherwal, AVSM (JORA 1). The total strength of officers, both serving and veterans, was 576. For the functioning of the Association, a Management Committee was formed on 05 Jul 1985. The President was the COJR, Vice President was the Commandant of the JAT RC, and the Secretary was the Deputy Commandant of the JAT RC. Another Vice President was to be elected or nominated among the veterans at the first meeting of the members.

The first JORA Dinner was held on 16 Jan 1986. The aims, objectives and formation of the Management Committee were promulgated in the First newsletter published on 31 Mar 1986.

It was decided that the following would be eligible to become members of JORA:-

1. Officers who had served or were serving in the Jat Regiment, including RMOs, QMs, PTOs and Education Officers.
2. Regiment Commissioned Officers (RCOs).
3. All members of JORA (UK) would be Honorary members.
4. All widows and children of deceased officers (including battle casualties) would be Associate members.



*INAUGURAL JORA MEET AT BAREILLY
L TO R: BRIG BS BAINS, VICE PRESIDENT, MAJ GEN RN CHIBBER, VSM, PRESIDENT BRIG BM
BALI, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, COL BD DANGWAL, VSM, SECRETARY*

The objectives of JORA were re-formulated as follows:-

1. Forge close links between the serving and retired officers of the Regiment.
2. Keep members posted on the activities and achievements of the Regiment through newsletters.
3. Identify areas of mutual assistance between the members.
4. Provide information which could help serving/retired officers in resettlement.
5. Identify and periodically update measures to project the image of the Regiment at the Army and National levels.
6. Organise a meeting once a year to review the above objectives.

The inaugural JORA Meet was held on 28 Mar 1987. Brig BM Bali was elected as the Senior Vice President. He had been commissioned in 3 JAT and later transferred to the Mahar Regiment. At the Meet, the first JORA directory was released. These Rules and Regulations were published and circulated in a booklet on 28 Mar 1987.

It was also decided that all serving and retired Cols of the Regiment would be Patrons of JORA. There was no change in the members of the Management Committee. Some of the other decisions taken were as follows:-

1. One-time membership fee of Rs 100.
2. Organise, annually, a JORA get-together and Dinner.
3. Encourage all officers of the Regiment to join the Association.

During the Meet, a bronze bust of Veer Jat was presented to the Mechanised Inf RC. The Mechanised Inf RC presented a replica of an APC to the JAT RC. A message from JORA UK was read out. The next JORA Meet cum Dinner was held at the DSOI in Delhi on 13 Nov 1988. The third JORA Meet was organised on 02 Mar 1990 under the guidance of Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM. The first half-yearly newsletter was published on 31 Jul 1990. By that time, JORA had 427 members collecting Rs 53,215. The lifetime subscription was raised to Rs 500. At the JORA Conference, the members took stock of the achievements and weaknesses in the Regiment.

It was decided that all officers of the Regiment would be dined out on retirement. A study was undertaken by Col BD Dangwal in 1990, on instructions of Gen Narasimhan, to decide a fixed date of historical significance on which all future regimental functions such as Reunions, annual cum JORA dinners, and biennial conferences would be held. The 18th Infantry's raising on 10 Jul 1795 was most unsuitable for Bareilly's weather. During discussions with Generals Thapan and RK Jasbir Singh, the consensus was on 20 Nov, the date of raising of the 2/6 Jat Light Infantry at Agra in 1917, which had ceased to exist when 4/9 Jat (the 18th Infantry) was merged with the Training Bn in Sep 1923. The earlier practice of holding meets based on convenience was discontinued.

On 20 Nov 1990, the Management Committee met at the Centre, following JORA guidelines. Since there were over 100 members present and all members had been invited, it was called an Annual General Body Meeting (AGM). The Dinner that followed was the first JORA Dinner. Lt Col Akhe Ram, MBE, the oldest officer, was unanimously elected Senior Vice President For Life. On his demise, Lt Gen Bakshi Joginder Singh, MVC, VSM, was elected Senior Vice President For Life. Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, was elected after Lt Gen B Joginder Singh's demise in 2014.

In Apr 1990, Lt Gen HB Kala took over as President of JORA. When he became the GOC-in-C Western Command, he arranged an Army bus to transport members and families from Delhi to Bareilly and back to encourage members to attend the annual JORA Meets. This practice continued for the next ten years. Transport was arranged on payment for another few years. Later, the service was discontinued as it became economically unviable. It may be noted that veterans from other stations, even further away, always travelled on their own.

After Op Vijay, a few family members of some officers killed in action were admitted as members of JORA instead of being associate members, as per rules. This was despite a few members bringing out the membership rules. This caused some embarrassment at JORA Conferences. The JORA Newsletters came to be published annually instead of half-yearly due to increased printing costs. News for the period after the newsletter's publication came to be published in the Jatveer (published with varying regularity since 1929) in Nov every year.

Even in the 1980s, members could only attend with varying regularity. As the spirit grew, members commenced organising JORA meets (Chhotas) at different stations. These are held fairly regularly at Chandigarh, Dehradun, New Delhi, Mhow, Jaipur, Lucknow, Bangalore, and Chennai, among others, based on the initiative and interest of the veterans. The Bns in peace stations also invite veterans residing nearby to their messes once in a while. In fact, of late, veterans prefer to attend local meets rather than the annual Meet at Bareilly. The JORA Newsletter covers all such regimental get-togethers.

Army HQ instructions issued in Nov 1992 required all regimental associations to obtain the government's sanction. JORA's case, moved by Lt Gen HB Kala, was finally approved by the MoD vide their letter No. C/85899/JORA/Inf-4/1172/D(O-I) dated 03 May 2000. The govt

approved JORA Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations have since been amended by discussion in the JORA AGMs and final approval of the COJR.

Other infantry regiments, such as the DOGRA and the GRENADIERS, followed suit with their associations, DORA and GORA, following our JORA!

By 31 Dec 2020, JORA had 1281 members. After 2020, the JORA Newsletter reverted to half-yearly publication but in electronic form for private circulation among the members.

Chapter 11

JORA (UK)

After World War II, with Independence on the horizon, most British officers of the Army opted to move to the UK. Approximately 142 British officers of the Jat Regiment returned to England between 1946 and 1947.

Though physically away, their hearts remained with the Regiment alongside whom they had fought many battles. British officers of the Jat Regiment decided to form an association in the UK to keep in touch and maintain their bonds with the Regiment in India. This association was called the JORA (UK) and was established soon after Independence.

Maj Gen CM Maltby, CB, MC (commissioned in 1910 into the 10th JATs and ex-CO 3 JAT) was elected President and remained so till he passed away in 1980. At one time, 125 officers became members of the association. The members met twice a year, in Jul and Oct. The Jul meeting was called the Chhota, and the Oct meeting was called the Bara Reunion. News of JORA (UK) was regularly received and published in the JATVEERS.

From annual luncheons and reunions at a Piccadilly Club to the Officers' Mess of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry Regiment, the Grey's Inn, the Royal Overseas League, and finally, the Victory Services Club, the members met regularly. Initially, these were stag, then ladies and children joined in. As the number of officers dwindled, the ladies and children took their place. It was remarkable that the families of the officers continued meeting despite their diminishing numbers.

The British officers could not visit India too often, but a few always came for the Reunions and timed their visits to India with JORA meets. Twenty members, including family, graced the Bicentenary celebrations in Nov 1995. For the next Reunion, the number dropped to 12. After that, only one or two members come for Reunions. Capt Mike Benson kept the JORA (UK) going for as long as he could.

JORA (UK) held a function at the Victory Services Club, London, on 06 Oct 2007, to coincide with 60 years of leaving India.

Numbers declined, with age and fitness taking their toll. Administrative costs due to declining membership increased to unviable figures. The JORA (UK) organised its last meeting in Apr 2012 to mark the closure of the association. Lt Gen Rajiv Bhalla, COJR, attended the Dinner and was presented with a cheque of Rupees eight lakhs as the UK Chapter's final contribution to the Col FE Waldren Fund.

The regiment's British and Indian officers, who have migrated to the UK, have contributed significant amounts to the Scholarship & Incentive Fund for the wards of the men of the Jat Regiment. Up to Dec 2020, they had donated about Rs Thirty lacs towards the education of children of the JCOs and OR. Four hundred thirty-seven children were granted scholarships or incentives for higher education, disbursing Rs thirty-nine lakhs forty thousand two hundred out of the interest earned on the corpus.

Similarly, Mrs Mercia Waldren, wife of Col FE Waldren of 6 JAT, donated fifty lakhs sixty-two thousand in 1997 and 2001, called the Waldren Fund, for the welfare of the men's families. Up to Dec 2020, about Rs thirty-four lakhs thirty-seven thousand were disbursed to 239 beneficiaries from the interest earned from the Waldren Fund.

The JORA (UK) chapter has added to the Regiment's association by contributing a plaque near the Centre's War Memorial to commemorate the bond shared. To the JAT RC Museum, some memorabilia, a captured Japanese sword, a flag, and six cabinets are other items gifted to the Regiment. The children of some British Regimental Officers have maintained their links with the Centre. The most notable amongst them is Mrs Aline Dobbie, the daughter of Lt Col FD Rose, born in MH Bareilly. She has gifted several photographs and pieces of memorabilia to the Museum. The Museum occasionally receives memorabilia of these old soldiers from their grandchildren.

Chapter 12

RECORDS, THE JAT REGIMENT

Though the Records have a separate Peace Establishment, the Commandant of the Jat Regiment Centre is ex-officio the Officer in Charge Records JAT. The Records JAT were established in Mar 1948 when there were only five bns. By 2020, the Regiment's enlisted strength increased to over 24,300 personnel, excluding recruits undergoing training at the JAT RC.

The Records have been automated for efficiency and transparency. Data is made available to all units and individuals. An Information Kiosk has been installed at the Records Office to enable individuals to access their data through a touchscreen display. The Mauji Ram Helpline, operated by the Records, allows a person to view his sheet roll, project grievances and check progress on grievances. He can also see details of his accounts and taxation.

In the Non-Effective Group, the oldest record is 1890 in the first Long Roll. The Records hold Long Rolls since 1890. They also hold Sheet Rolls for all JCOs and OR for fifty years after a person proceeds on Pension or discharge. After fifty years, entries are made in the Long Rolls, and the Sheet Rolls are destroyed for all ranks except award winners and battle casualties.

The JAT Records also hold a few Sheet Rolls of personnel who served in the Indian National Army, the Rampur and the Bhopal State Forces, though these were never part of or affiliated with the Jat Regiment.

From 01 Nov 2014, an SMS service was started for passing messages regarding promotions, Provident Fund withdrawals, discharges, Master Sheets, Kindred Rolls, pension documents, movement orders, Confidential Reports, any outstanding claims and settlement of accounts of the ex-servicemen and war widows.

Now, an individual can view and download his pay slip and service details by accessing the website. Besides filing grievances, all postings, promotions and related matters of JCOs/OR may be viewed through this website. An Interactive Voice Response System is used by both serving and retired personnel.

The Records acquired the unique distinction of being adjudged an 'ISO 9001:2015 Certified Office' on 01 Sep 2015 for excellence in the fields of Management, Upkeep, Analysis and Automation of Regiment personnel records.

Under Lt Col AK Bhosle, the Records were awarded the Best Service Provider Surya Trophy for 2016-17 by HQ Central Command.

Regimental or other No.	Half squadron, battery, company or section.	Name.	Age.	Height.		Date of enrolment.	Class.	Father's name and occupation.
				Feet.	Inches.			
2	H.B.	Karamat Khan	23	5	7	3 rd Jan/90	Hindustani Muslim	Imam
3	H.B.	Kalka Parshad	15	5	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 th Oct/93	Bahaliya	Ram Dho
5	A	Nand Ram 2/60	14	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 th Feb/99	Hindu Lab.	Byjan
13	A	Hushan Dal	21	5	7$\frac{1}{2}$	13th June 03		Bahani
20	C	Harpul ✓	19	5	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	27 th Dec/04		Tara
37	H.B.	Ratan Singh 1 st grade clerk 2/60	17	5	5	10th April 05		Imam
52	H.B.	Harchand	17	5	9 $\frac{3}{4}$ 4	30 th May/10		Kalu
1204	D	Tahani Diad	22	5	10	13.2.13	P.M.	Amin
7	B	Shikhar Mansoor	14	5		29th Jan 01	Hindustani Muslim	Bach

EXAMPLE OF ENTRIES IN A LONG ROLL MAINTAINED BY THE JAT RECORDS SHOWING RECORDS OF PERSONNEL ENROLLED IN 1890 AND LATER



Chapter 13

INS TRISHUL

Indian Naval Ship Trishul was affiliated with the Jat Regiment on 20 Jan 2009 at a grand ceremony held on board at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. The charter of affiliation was signed by then CO, Capt AB Singh, and Commandant of Jat Regimental Centre, Brig R K Sharma, SM, in the presence of Rear Adm SPS Cheema, AVSM, NM, FOC Western Fleet. The ceremony was attended by Lt Gen BS Nagal, AVSM, SM, COJR and many serving and retired Army and Naval officers, JCOs, sailors and soldiers.



INS Trishul is a frontline Guided Missile Frigate of the Western Fleet based in Mumbai. Built by the Baltic Shipyard at St Petersburg, INS Trishul is a 125-metre-long stealth frigate, displacing 4,000 tonnes with a top speed of 30 knots. The man-of-war was commissioned on 25 Jun 2003. The ship's unique feature is her high weapon and sensor density reinforced by the most modern electronic warfare systems. The state-of-the-art weapons and sensors are designed

to operate in multi-threat environments and provide the punch to handle threats in the three dimensions – air, surface and sub-surface. The ship can undertake varied and multiple missions spanning the entire spectrum of conflict, from low to high-intensity war. The versatile Kamov-31 helicopter on board is a force multiplier that enhances the frigate's operational capability.

The Crest of Trishul shows a strong arm above the sea, holding a powerful Trishul. It epitomises the spirit and ethos of the ship.

Old Trishul

The present INS Trishul (F-43), a Talwar-class frigate, is the reincarnation of a legendary predecessor. The old INS Trishul (F-143) was a Whitby class frigate, commissioned on 13 Jan 1960 at Harland and Wolff Ship Builders in Belfast, UK. The ship served the Indian Navy for 32 years, till 31 Aug 1992. In her long and illustrious lifespan, the ship covered herself with glory in battle and acquitted herself credibly in all her ventures. The ship was the HQ of GOC, Indian Peace Keeping Force, during Op Pawan. She was the proud recipient of battle honours for her stellar role in the Goa Liberation of 1961 and the Indo-Pak war of 1971, where she was part of Op Python, the second daring missile attack on Pakistani ports of Karachi, Gwadar and Pasni on 04 Dec 1971.

The Present Trishul

The present Trishul has performed exceedingly well in the last 15 years of commissioned service with more than 2194 days covering 5,39,644.6 Nautical miles (approximately 10 lakh km) in various waters, clocking almost 42,344 hours of relentless operations at sea. The ship has also participated in operational exercises within the Fleet and with foreign Navies.



INS TRISHUL

Being a frontline frigate of the Indian Navy, the Ship participated in several practice missile firings of Surface to Surface Missile (Club) and Surface to Air Missiles (Shtil). Firing

undertaken by MR Gun A-190 and CIWS (Close in Weapon System) Kashtan have added to the Ship's glory.

The Indian Ocean Region (IOR) is a hotbed of economic activity and turmoil, with incidents of piracy, gun running, and human and drug trafficking. The acts of piracy on mercantile shipping in the Gulf of Aden in 2008 drew anti-piracy patrols by several navies. The Indian Navy too participated in anti-piracy deployments in the Gulf of Aden region. INS Trishul has been part of five such deployments.

The ship set a record by undertaking the most extended deployment on anti-piracy patrol in the Gulf of Aden for 118 days in 2017. This enhanced the Indian Navy's progress to become a Blue Water Navy and to influence world maritime affairs.

On 06 Oct 2017, the ship thwarted a piracy attempt on Merchant Vessel Jag Amar by employing its helicopter and the VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) ops.

Each warship possesses the right to 'Visit and Search' suspicious vessels in neutral waters. For this operation, INS Trishul's Flight Commander, Marine Commandos and Senior Engineer Officer were awarded Commendations.

The ship has undertaken five firings of the Club missiles, four successful firings of Shtil missiles on incoming missiles, and a successful Kashtan firing so far. The Gunnery component has always made the ship proud with its accurate shoots of medium-range guns A-190 and 30 mm Kashtan.

INS Trishul has visited many international ports like Durban (South Africa), Port Victoria (Australia), Male (Maldives), Dubai (UAE), Muscat (Oman), Valencia (Spain), Toulon (France), Salalah (Oman), Duqm (Oman), Djibouti (Djibouti), Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) and many more as part of Overseas Deployment, with the aim of confidence building of expatriate Indian populations, strengthening diplomatic ties and power projection.

Strong Navies worldwide showcase bonhomie and their strength in friendly exercises in international waters. INS Trishul has participated in many multinational exercises with the US, UK, France, Spain, and Italy's navies. The crew of INS Trishul has always figured in the list of awards and recognitions. The ship herself was awarded the 'Most Spirited Ship' of the Western Fleet in 2011.

Whenever INS Trishul participates in Overseas Deployment (OSD), a few members of the Jat Regiment are invited for long sailing. In 2017, a team of one officer, one JCO and two other ranks took part in OSD on board INS Trishul, in which the ship visited five countries, viz., France, Spain, Greece, Saudi Arabia and Israel. The aim was to promote Inter service affiliation, camaraderie and cohesiveness between the three services while imparting knowledge about functioning and routines at sea. Officers and sailors of INS Trishul have been attending major functions at the JAT RC regularly, even when the ship was deployed in the Gulf of Aden on anti-piracy patrols.

INS Trishul celebrated its 15th anniversary of commission on 25 Jun 2018 in Mumbai. The celebrations were attended by Col Ruchir Anand, CO 22 JAT, along with three officers, one JCO and two OR from the Jat Regiment. The personnel visited the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, wherein they visited the ship, the latest Indian Naval submarine INS Kalveri, and decommissioned aircraft carrier Viraat.



THE SHIP'S COMPANY



PERSONNEL OF INS TRISHUL AT THE JAT RC MEMORIAL



Chapter 14

24 SQUADRON IAF ‘HAWKS’

24 Squadron, ‘The Hawks’, have taken part in all IAF operations since their formation on 16 Feb 1962. They were raised at Air Force Station Chhabua, in Assam, under Sqn Ldr MM Singh, the first CO. At that time, the ‘Hawks’ were equipped with De Havilland Vampire fighter-bomber aircraft.

The Squadron crest depicts an ‘Assamese hawk’ known for its speed and agility, with wings folded, in the final stages of the attack. The Hawks have always lived up to their motto of “Navijitya Nivartanam”, which translates into “No Return without Conquest”.

In Feb 1962, war clouds were on the horizon. The Hawks flew missions to protect supply drops to the forward troops by transport aircraft, flying even in bad weather without radio-navigational aids.

In 1965, the 24 Squadron was based at Kalaikunda. It was tasked to provide close air support to the Indian Army if it advanced into East Pakistan. However, there were no ground operations in the East in 1965. On 06 Sep, the Squadron moved to Barrackpore and later to Gorakhpur.

In Mar 1966, the Hawks were re-equipped with the legendary Gnat aircraft and were moved to Bareilly. In Jul 1968, the Squadron moved back to Kalaikunda. They moved to Tezpur in Sep 1971 and took part in the 1971 War. The missions were to support the advancing ground forces.

In Jul 1978, the Hawks were re-equipped with MiG 21 T-96 aircraft and moved to Bareilly. They moved to Ambala in May 1981. After about five years, the Hawks converted to the venerable MiG 21 BIS aircraft.

When the IAF procured Sukhoi-30K Air Dominance Fighters, the Hawks were chosen to be the first Squadron to receive these aircraft in Mar 1997. These aircraft provided a terrific punch to the IAF.

The Squadron has participated in numerous exercises with many foreign air forces. The first one was EX COPE INDIA-04, in Feb 2004, with F-15s of the USAF. The professionalism and courage spellbound the Americans the Hawks showed and returned with praises for the Squadron.

The second exercise was EX SINDEK-04, in Nov 2004, with the F-16s of the Singapore Air Force. Once again, the Singapore pilots were astounded by the skill of the pilots. The Squadron participated in EX GARUDA-II in Jun 2006 at Istres-Le Tubé Air Base in France. The Hawks left an impression on NATO in two weeks of extensive flying. The Hawks engaged the USAF Topguns again in Nov 2006 in EX COPE INDIA at Kalaikunda. The Squadron converted to Su-30 MKI in Jun 2006. During Op Vijay and Op Parakram, the Hawks flew operational sorties on the Western front.

The Squadron created a record by undertaking the most extended Strategic Recce mission ever flown by IAF, flying close to eight hours, and covering more than 7,000 km.

The Squadron maintained its tradition of excellence in bombing and gunnery competitions, winning individual and team Eklavya trophies.

The Hawks are aptly known as “The Home of the Flankers”, the first Squadron to induct Sukhoi 30 aircraft. It has been the first among the Flankers to participate in an international exercise. It operated from Leh airfield and practised bombing at Tosha Maidan range in J&K.

The Squadron has maintained a splendid bonhomie with the Jat Regiment.

The Squadron was awarded the President’s Standards on 06 Feb 2012. Armed with state-of-the-art radar, avionics, Beyond Visual Range (BVR) missiles, Air to Air Refueling capability, Forward Looking Infrared Helmet Mounted Sight and Data Linking; the Su-30 MKI is a formidable platform for the war of the future.

24 Squadron was adjudged the best fighter Squadron in Central Air Command in 2017. The Hawks have and will continue to live up to their motto of ‘Navijitya Nivartana’. In Jan 2019, the Hawks were handpicked for the Republic day flypast to display the ‘Trishul’ manoeuvre. After the Republic Day flypast in Feb 2019, the Hawks enthralled their compatriots with 22 tons of bombing in EX VAYU SHAKTI-2019. After the Balakot air strike by the IAF in 2019, the Squadron was tasked to guard the skies in the Rajasthan sector. The Squadron flew round-the-clock combat air patrols (CAPs) to secure the Indian skies. The Hawks were chosen to represent the IAF in EX GARUDA-VI 2019 with the French Air Force.

Since 2010, the COs of the Squadron COs have been Wg Cdr A Bhadra, Gp Capt H Assudani, Gp Capt RC Nair, Gp Capt Kamal Chadha, Gp Capt AD Sabnis, Gp Capt Elvis Clinton Rodrigues and Gp Capt DS Billing, VM (G).



*AFFILIATION OF 24 SQN IAF WITH THE JAT REGIMENT ON 19 NOV 2010
 (SEEN ARE LT GEN BS NAGAL, COJR, AIR COMMODORE AK JAIN, COMMODORE
 COMMANDANT, 24 SQN, BRIG RK SHARMA, COMMANDANT, JRC, AND WG CDR H ASSUDANI,
 CO 24 SQN)*

TITLES OF THE SENIOR UNITS SINCE RAISING

The Jat Regimental Centre

- 1795 Calcutta Native Militia - on 10 Jul.
- 1859 The Alipore Regiment.
- 1861 22nd Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry (on conversion to Infantry of the Line).
- 1861 18th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1864 18th (The Alipore) Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1885 18th Regiment of Bengal Infantry.
- 1902 18th Musalman Rajput Infantry.
- 1903 18th Infantry.
- 1922 10th Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment (2nd Bn, 6th Jat Light Infantry Regiment and elements of 1/50th Kumaon) - as the Training Centre.
- 1923 Amalgamation with the elements of the disbanded 4th Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment, with the Training Battalion receiving the identity and seniority of the 18th Infantry (subsuming the identities of the 5th Light Infantry and the 17th Infantry).
- 1930 10th Bn, the 4th/9th Regiments (Combined training centre of the 4th Bombay Grenadiers and the 9th Jat Regiment).
- 1941 10th Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment (after the demerger of 4th Bombay Grenadiers' training companies).
- 1942 Regimental Centre, the 9th Jat Regiment - on 02 Oct.
- 1945 The JAT Regimental Centre.

2 MECH {1 JAT (LI)}

- 1803 1st Bn, 22nd Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1824 43rd Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1842 43rd Regiment of Bengal Native (Light) Infantry.
- 1861 6th Regiment of Bengal Native (Light) Infantry.
- 1885 6th Regiment of Bengal (Light) Infantry.
- 1897 6th (Jat) Regiment of Bengal (Light) Infantry.
- 1901 6th Jat Light Infantry.
- 1921 1st Bn, 6th Royal Jat Light Infantry.
- 1922 1st Royal Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment (L.I).
- 1945 1st Royal Bn, the JAT Regiment (L.I.).
- 1950 1st Bn (LI), the JAT Regiment - on 26 Jan.
- 1981 1st Bn (LI) (Mechanised), the JAT Regiment - on 01 Jun.
- 1981 2nd Bn, the Mechanised Infantry Regiment {1 JAT (LI)} - on 21 Sep.

2 JAT

- 1817 1st Bn, 10th Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry.
- 1824 19th Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry.
- 1885 19th Regiment of Bombay Infantry.
- 1901 19th Bombay Infantry.
- 1903 119th Infantry (The Mooltan Regiment).
- 1922 2nd Bn (The Mooltan Bn), the 9th Jat Regiment.
- 1945 2nd Bn (Mooltan), the JAT Regiment.

3 JAT

- 1823 1st Bn, 33rd Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1824 65th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1861 10th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry.
- 1885 10th Regiment of Bengal Infantry.
- 1897 10th (Jat) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.
- 1901 10th Jat Infantry.
- 1903 10th Jats.
- 1922 3rd Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment.
- 1945 3rd Bn, the JAT Regiment.

5 JAT

- 1941 5th Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment
- 1945 5th Bn, the JAT Regiment.

6 JAT

- 1941 6th Bn, the 9th Jat Regiment
 - 1945 6th Bn, the JAT Regiment.
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RAISINGS SINCE INDEPENDENCE

Unit	Date	Place	By
8 JAT	14 Dec 1959	Bareilly	Lt Col Kushal Singh
114 INF BN (TA) JAT	01 Oct 1960	Dehradun	Lt Col MS Sehgal
4 JAT	15 Jan 1962	Bareilly	Lt Col Amar Singh
7 JAT	15 Nov 1962	Bareilly	Lt Col Sangram Singh
9 JAT	01 Jan 1963	Bareilly	Maj KS Rawat
14 JAT	01 Oct 1963	Bareilly	Maj Daljeet Singh
11 JAT	01 Apr 1964	Bareilly	Maj BR Saharan
16 JAT	01 Oct 1964	Bareilly	Maj SS Hasabnis, VSM
17 JAT	01 Jun 1966	Jabalpur	Lt Col PA Patole
18 JAT	01 Oct 1966	Secunderabad	Lt Col JS Sindhu
12 JAT	06 Feb 1970	Bareilly	Lt Col Nand Lal
15 JAT	15 May 1976	Bareilly	Lt Col JS Choudhary
19 JAT	01 Aug 1980	Bareilly	Lt Col AS Reddy
20 JAT	27 Feb 1985	Bareilly	Col NS Gill
21 JAT	01 Nov 1987	Bareilly	Col AK Mehra
5 RR (JAT)	15 Oct 1990	Ranikhet	Col HC Sah
34 RR (JAT)	01 Sep 1994	Bareilly	Col RJS Dhillon, YSM, VSM
151 INF BN (TA) JAT	18 Jan 2001	Muzaffarpur	Col AK Gupta
45 RR (JAT)	01 Jul 2001	Bareilly	Col SD Mehta
61 RR (JAT)	01 Jul 2004	Bareilly	Col Sanjeev Dogra
22 JAT	01 Dec 2013	Bareilly	Col AK Butail
23 JAT	01 Jul 2016	Bareilly	Col TS Hothi
24 JAT	01 Sep 2021	Bareilly	Col JS Gill

AWARDS

01 Jan 1971 to 26 Jan 2021

(By Award/Rank/Year)

Ser No	Number	Rank & Name	Unit/Parent Unit	Op/Theatre	Year
Ashoka Chakra					
1.	IC-59263	Maj D Raghu Raman	34 RR/18 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
2.	IC-45618	Col Jojan Thomas	45 RR/11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
3.	12974389	L/Nk Nazir Ahmad Wani, SM**	34 RR/162 TA	Op Rakshak	2019
Param Vishisht Seva Medal					
1.	IC-286	Lt Gen ML Thapan	6 JAT		1971
2.	IC-557	Maj Gen Dalbir Singh	2 JAT		1971
3.	IC-2409	Lt Gen RK Jasbir	7 JAT		1982
4.	IC-7384	Lt Gen R Narasimhan, SC, VSM	1 JAT		1991
5.	IC-12356	Lt Gen HB Kala, SC	6 JAT		1997
6.	IC-16632	Lt Gen Avtar Singh, VSM	17 JAT		2005
7.	IC-17640	Lt Gen KK Khanna, AVSM**	16 JAT		2006
8.	IC-24604	Lt Gen DS Bartwal	14 JAT		2009
9.	IC-24260	Lt Gen BS Nagal, AVSM, SM	4 JAT		2010
10.	IC-31736	Lt Gen Rajiv Bhalla, AVSM, SM, VSM	8 JAT		2015
11.	IC-39436	Lt Gen SK Saini, AVSM, YSM, VSM	7 JAT		2020
12.	IC-39437	Lt Gen ST Upasani, AVSM, SM, VSM	11 JAT		2021
Mahavir Chakra					
1.	IC-4870	Brig B Joginder Singh, VSM	16 JAT	East Pakistan	1971
2.	IC-57111	Capt Anuj Nayyar	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
Kirti Chakra					
1.	JC-58395	N/Sub Daya Nand	7 JAT	Nagaland	1973
2.	SS-22848	Capt Harpal Ahluwalia	7 JAT	Nagaland	1973
3.	IC-10416	Maj MS Kadyan	7 JAT	Nagaland	1973
4.	IC-26569	Maj Ram Singh Saharan	11 JAT	Manipur	1982

Ser No	Number	Rank & Name	Unit/Parent Unit	Op/Theatre	Year
5.	JC-169170	Sub Nopa Ram	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	1992
6.	IC-42011	Maj KM Balasubramaniam	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	1997
7.	IC-59231	Capt Dilip Kumar Jha	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
8.	3185783	L/Nk Sohanvir	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
9.	3189896	Sep Sarwan Dhukiya	34 RR/15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
10.	3193199	Sep Suresh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
11.	IC-58609	Maj Shatrujeet Kotwal	34 RR/3 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
12.	IC-58793	Maj KP Vinay	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2008
13.	SS-46936	Maj Tushar Gauba	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019

Uttam Yudh Seva Medal

1.	IC-10414	Maj Gen R N Bhalla, VSM	6 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
2.	IC-42389	Lt Gen BS Raju, AVSM, YSM,	15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2021

Ati Vishisht Seva Medal

1.	IC-6177	Col DS Shekhawat	4 JAT		1981
2.	IC-5843	Brig LN Sabherwal	14 JAT		1983
3.	IC-10133	Brig Jitender Kumar Puri	3 JAT		1986
4.	IC-12637	Brig RS Mavi, SC	2 JAT		1991
5.	IC-16352	Brig KP Pandya	7 JAT		1994
6.	IC-11890	Maj Gen BR Verrma	3 JAT		1995
7.	IC-12356	Lt Gen HB Kala, SC	6 JAT		1996
8.	IC-17640	Brig KK Khanna	16 JAT		1997
9.	IC-17640	Maj Gen KK Khanna, AVSM	16 JAT		2004
10.	IC-35550	Maj Gen RK Malhotra	17 JAT		2007
11.	IC-24260	Lt Gen BS Nagal, SM	4 JAT		2008
12.	IC-24716	Lt Gen KS Shivakumar, VSM	3 JAT		2008
13.	IC-33450	Maj Gen DL Chowdhary, SM, VSM	14 JAT		2010
14.	IC-31736	Lt Gen Rajiv Bhalla, SM, VSM	8 JAT		2014
15.	IC-39436	Lt Gen SK Saini, YSM, VSM	7 JAT		2018
16.	IC-42389	Maj Gen BS Raju, YSM	15 JAT		2018
17.	IC-39437	Lt Gen ST Upasani, SM, VSM	11 JAT		2019

Vir Chakra

1.	JC-30557	Sub Prahlad Singh	2 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
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Ser No	Number	Rank & Name	Unit/Parent Unit	Op/Theatre	Year
2.	JC-41949	N/Sub Umed Singh	2 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
3.	3140746	Hav Hem Chander	3 JAT	West Pakistan	1972
4.	3144417	L/Hav Ganga Dhar	4 JAT	Fazilka	1972
5.	IC-21075	Maj HC Sharma	4 JAT	Fazilka	1972
6.	IC-8126	Lt Col RK Suri	4 JAT	Fazilka	1972
7.	IC-19213	Maj Sukhpal Singh	4 JAT	Fazilka	1972
8.	JC-43961	Sub Brijendra Singh	4 JAT	Fazilka	1972
9.	IC-18096	Maj Narain Singh	4 JAT	Fazilka	1972
10.	IC-18844	Capt Kuldip Singh Rathi	8 JAT	Poonch	1972
11.	IC-21289	Maj HS Grewal	9 JAT	Chhamb	1972
12.	IC-24758	2 Lt BS Gill	12 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
13.	JC-33536	Sub Nanji Ram	12 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
14.	3141913	CHM Krishan Singh	14 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
15.	JC-44325	N/Sub Ram Singh	14 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
16.	3144000	Hav Amar Singh	11 JAT	Naushera	1972
17.	3179188	Sep Dharajit Singh Chahar	4 JAT	Op Pawan	1990
18.	IC-47422	Capt Alok Singh	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1990
19.	3172590	Hav Sis Ram Gill	8 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
20.	IC-35204	Col US Bawa	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
21.	IC-44616	Maj Deepak Rampal	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
22.	3169696	Hav Kumar Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
23.	IC-56633	Capt SB Ghildiyal	17 JAT/ARTY	Op Vijay	1999
Shaurya Chakra					
1.	IC-12637	Col RS Mavi	2 JAT	Nagaland	1986
2.	3179896L	Sep Devender Kumar	1 RR/3 JAT	Op Rakshak	1994
3.	2478603	Sep Ranjeet Singh	5 RR/18 PUNJAB	Op Rakshak	1995
4.	13610845	Hav Chitru Ram	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1996
5.	IC-43840	Maj Chandra Shekhar Mishra	34 RR/14 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
6.	IC-47112	Maj JS Shekhawat	34 RR/21 JAT	Op Rakshak	1998
7.	IC-60395	Lt Rahul Sharma	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
8.	3183763	L/Hav Rit Ram	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
9.	3186838	Sep Manjit Singh	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2002

Ser No	Number	Rank & Name	Unit/Parent Unit	Op/Theatre	Year
10.	IC-42448	Maj TA Siddiqui	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
11.	3192315	Sep Sunil Kumar	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
12.	IC-50715	Maj DS Murty, SM	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
13.	3184631	Sep Joginder Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
14.	3179446	Hav Rajvir Singh	34 RR/3 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
15.	IC-59238	Capt Umang Bhardwaj	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
16.	3180784	Nk Swaran Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
17.	IC-48640	Maj Inderjeet Singh	34 RR/16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
18.	IC-45642	Lt Col GAV Reddy	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
19.	3183684	Nk Anil Kumar	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
20.	3181886	Nk Munna Lal Mundel	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
21.	JC-488932	Sub Khilona Singh	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
22.	JC-488513	Sub Jai Singh	45 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
23.	IC-46327	Maj Maharaj Krishen Bhat	45 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2005
24.	3185156	Nk Ishwar Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
25.	IC-62851	Maj Anshul Shukla	24 AR/6 JAT	Op Hifazat	2008
26.	10385166	Asst Commandant Anurag Kumar	16 JAT/42 BSF	Op Rakshak	2008
27.	3189649	Nk Sukhvir	45 RR/14 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
28.	3199037	Sep Sunny Tomar	45 RR/14 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
29.	IC-67664	Capt Ravinder Singh	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
30.	IC-65706	Capt Kuldeep Raj	21 JAT	Op Rhino	2009
31.	SS-42427	Lt PS Chundawat	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
32.	SS-41214	Maj Jugmal Singh Vaghela	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
33.	IC-65220	Maj Jeevan B	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
34.	3190786	Nk Vijay Pal	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2011
35.	3194985	Sep Ravinder Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2011
36.	SS-40921	Maj Pradeep Mishra	5 RR/4 JAT	Op Rakshak	2012
37.	IC-70847	Capt Sandeep Bhartiya	17 JAT	Op Rakshak	2014
38.	SS-43745	Maj Pawan Kumar	34 RR/16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018
39.	IC-62648	Lt Col Arjun Sharma	6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018
40.	JC-492138	N/Sub Sombir	34 RR/8 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020

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1.	IC-45138	Lt Col Sunder Singh	19 JAT	Op Parakram	2003
2.	IC-39436	Col SK Saini	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
3.	IC-38674	Brig Balbir Singh	2 JAT		2010
4.	IC-42389	Brig BS Raju	15 JAT	J&K	2013
5.	IC-42825	Brig SK Narain, SM	20 JAT	Dras, J&K	2014
6.	IC-61582	Col NC Gairola, SM	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020

Sena Medal (Gallantry)

1.	IC-24017	2 Lt JPS Sisodia	8 JAT	Poonch	1971
2.	3152054	Nk Dilbag Singh	4 JAT	East Pakistan	1971
3.	3150104	Sep Jograj Singh	7 JAT	Nagaland	1971
4.	IC-17822	Maj PS Rajput	12 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
5.	IC-20525	Maj KN Rai	14 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
6.	IC-22548	Maj BS Bhati	6 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
7.	3145533	Nk Baljit Singh	6 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
8.	3161165	Sep Udami Ram	6 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
9.	3141103	Hav Rajbir Singh	11 JAT	Naushera	1972
10.	3153871	Nk Budha Ram	11 JAT	Naushera	1972
11.	3147611	Nk Bajrang Lal	14 JAT	East Pakistan	1972
12.	3159694	Nk Jalley Singh	15 JAT	Mizo Hills	1981
13.	JC-67668	Sub Pitam Singh	15 JAT	Mizo Hills	1981
14.	IC-18884	Maj Dalip Singh	11 JAT	Op Orchid	1981
15.	IC-23159	Maj BS Malik	11 JAT	Op Orchid	1982
16.	JC-100805	Sub Ram Kishan Dhaka	11 JAT	Op Orchid	1982
17.	3166821	Sep Roop Chand	11 JAT	Op Orchid	1982
18.	IC-32146	Maj SC Bali	3 JAT	Mizo Hills	1984
19.	IC-32928	Maj IBS Rawat	6 JAT	Op Blue Star	1985
20.	IC-32078	Maj SK Bali	14 JAT	Op Blue Star	1986
21.	2765945	Hav Shankar Gode	20 JAT	Op Blue Star	1986
22.	JC-135645	N/Sub Nafe Singh	11 JAT	Op Meghdoot	1987
23.	3164863	Nk Virender Pal Singh	15 JAT	Op Meghdoot	1987
24.	3169692	Hav Rajender Singh	4 JAT	Op Pawan	1989
25.	JC-11732	Sub Jai Pal Singh	4 JAT	Op Pawan	1989

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26.	JC-122056	Sub Rajbir Singh	4 JAT	Op Pawan	1989
27.	IC-19426	Lt Col Resham Singh	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1989
28.	JC-136983	Sub Mangat Singh	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1989
29.	3161615	Hav Chander Pal	6 JAT	Op Pawan	1990
30.	3167428	L/Hav Radhe Karan	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	1991
31.	JC-104230	Sub Mool Chand	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
32.	3169203	L/Hav Ujyar Lal	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
33.	3178802	L/Nk Vinod Kumar	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
34.	3175998	Sep Rattan Singh	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
35.	IC-45535	Capt SPR Bhosle	16 JAT	Op Meghdoot	1992
36.	3177463	Sep Sohanvir	14 JAT	Op Falcon	1992
37.	IC-47058	Maj Satbir Singh	2 JAT	Op Rakshak	1993
38.	IC-42825	Capt SK Narain	2 JAT	Op Rakshak	1993
39.	JC-136990	Sub Sahi Ram	2 JAT	Op Rakshak	1993
40.	IC-42845	Capt Anit Kaura	4 AR/5 JAT	Manipur	1994
41.	IC-47729	Maj Rajiv Reddy	8 JAT	Op Rakshak	1994
42.	3179985	Sep Rajbir Singh	52 SAG/3 JAT	Op Rakshak	1994
43.	IC-33741	Maj Sukhvir Singh	5 RR/14 MECH	Op Rakshak	1994
44.	3381156	Nk Iqbal Singh	5 RR/17 SIKH	Op Rakshak	1994
45.	2785020	Sep Rajesh Kumar	5 RR/8 MLI	Op Rakshak	1994
46.	IC-52047	2/Lt AK Mohanty	4 JAT	Manipur	1995
47.	IC-31811	Lt Col MM Mitra	5 RR/BIHAR	Op Rakshak	1995
48.	2479214	Sep Jaswant Singh	5 RR/21 PUNJAB	Op Rakshak	1995
49.	3185103	Sep Jagdish Prasad	6 JAT	Op Rakshak	1996
50.	IC-57638	Maj SC Singla	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1996
51.	IC-50125	Maj Rohan Anand	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1996
52.	IC-50715	Capt DS Murty	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1996
53.	JC-141560	Sub Bhag Singh	5 RR/14 MAHAR	Op Rakshak	1996
54.	JC-185052	Sub Jagat Singh	5 RR/15 KUMAON	Op Rakshak	1996
55.	3185381	Sep Dharambir Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
56.	IC-45068	Maj Vikas Yadav	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
57.	3175782	L/Nk Rishi Pal	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997

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58.	3185765	Sep Vinod Kumar	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
59.	IC-50353	Maj Ashutosh Kumar	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
60.	3182844	Sep Yodhvir Singh	6 JAT/ASC	Op Rakshak	1997
61.	3177263	L/Nk Surender Singh	9 RR/21 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
62.	IC-49065	Capt RR Kotwal	5 RR/9 JAK LI	Op Rakshak	1997
63.	3176185	L/Nk Bansidhar Yadav	5 RR/12 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
64.	2593113	Nk Venu C	5 RR/12 MADRAS	Op Rakshak	1997
65.	IC-50485	Capt DS Patial	34 RR/11 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
66.	JC-184326	Sub Bhola Ram	34 RR/17 JAT	Op Rakshak	1997
67.	IC-39437	Maj ST Upasani	11 JAT	Assam	1998
68.	IC-53357	Capt Pankaj Tuknait	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	1998
69.	3187225	Sep Teekma Ram Chaudhary	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	1998
70.	3188658	Sep Sanjay Kumar Verma	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	1998
71.	3174707	Nk Desh Raj	19 JAT	Op Rakshak	1998
72.	IC-50887	Capt S Banerjee	5 RR/151 AD	Op Rakshak	1998
73.	IC-53166	Capt Kulwinder Singh	34 RR/EME	Op Rakshak	1998
74.	14376961	L/Nk Devi Datt Joshi	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	1998
75.	14366173	Nk Vinod Kumar Singh	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	1998
76.	3173867	Hav Lakan Singh	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	1998
77.	IC-35300	Col PB Gole	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	1999
78.	3178930	L/Nk Bharat Pal	34 RR/16 JAT	Op Rakshak	1999
79.	IC-54045	Capt VS Shekhawat	4 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
80.	3169828	Hav Hari Om	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
81.	3172785	L/Hav Balwan Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
82.	3188797	Sep Purna Ram	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
83.	3188347	Sep Surender	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
84.	IC-13268	Capt VV Sharma	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
85.	3170559	Hav Mahavir Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	1999
86.	14920718	Sep BS Bhimesen	5 RR/16 MECH	Op Rakshak	1999
87.	3176310	Nk Kamal Singh	5 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	1999
88.	3185234	Sep Bhoop Singh	34 RR/16 JAT	Op Rakshak	1999
89.	IC-34129	Col SCS Pathania	34 RR/3/9 GR	Op Rakshak	1999

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90.	IC-52752	Maj Maneesh Kukrety	5 JAT	Op Rakshak	1999
91.	3171951	Hav Om Pal Singh	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2000
92.	3179480	Nk Bijender Singh	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2000
93.	3181852	L/Nk Azad Singh	8 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
94.	3180920	Nk Khadag Singh	12 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
95.	14412229	Gnr Dilbag Singh	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2000
96.	JC-166704	Sub Maj Ramphal Singh	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2000
97.	IC-52271	Maj H Sree Krishna Kumar	5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2000
98.	JC-204125	N/Sub Joginder Singh	20 JAT/18 GARH RIF	Op Rakshak	2000
99.	3185049	Nk Rajender Singh	34 RR/5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2000
100.	IC-54914	Capt MK Nain	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2000
101.	SS-37096	Capt Hemant Prem Kumar	15 JAT	Manipur	2001
102.	SS-36765	Maj Bikramjeet Singh	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2001
103.	3187598	Sep Satendra Kumar	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2001
104.	IC-43567	Maj Balwinder Singh Bajwa	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2001
105.	15389183	Sig/Man Ranveer Singh Negi	34 RR/SIGNAL	Op Rakshak	2001
106.	3189590	Sep Bhushan Singh Rana	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
107.	IC-49571	Maj Nitin Khare	19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
108.	IC-52838	Maj P Kiran Kumar	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2002
109.	SS-38122	Capt Rahul Arya	6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
110.	3181204	L/Hav Birpal Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
111.	IC-57638	Capt Anand Singh Sajwan	34 RR/19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
112.	3187840	Sep Amar Singh	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2002
113.	IC-62721	Lt Sri Kant Ramchandran	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
114.	3186003	L/Nk Rajesh Kumar	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
115.	IC-60521	Lt Ankur Sharma	19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
116.	3187667	Sep Jagwant Singh	19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
117.	3185381	Sep Dharambir Singh, SM	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
118.	1579275	Nk Sukhbir Singh	5 RR/411(I) PARA FD COY	Op Rakshak	2003
119.	3181870	Nk Brahm Pal Singh	34 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
120.	JC-488835	N/Sub Ishwar Singh	45 RR/4 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003

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121.	3177541	Hav Virender Singh Rathi	45 RR/5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
122.	IC-49311	Maj GSP Raju	34 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
123.	3171907	Hav Dharanvir Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
124.	3176044	Hav Nahar Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
125.	3186017	L/Nk Raj Kumar	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
126.	3183198	L/Hav Jagdish Prasad	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
127.	JC-488423	Sub Laxman Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
128.	14919879	L/Nk SK Sahoo	5 RR/13 MECH	Op Rakshak	2003
129.	IC-47058	Maj Satbir Singh, SM	2 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
130.	IC-43602	Maj Madhur Goyal	34 RR/20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2003
131.	IC-47833	Maj Sukhminder Singh	45 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2004
132.	IC-62189	Maj Inderjit Singh Dhillon	9 JAT/ASC	Op Rakshak	2004
133.	IC-59685	Capt Kapil Arora	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
134.	3177641	Hav Ranvir Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
135.	3189226	Hav Dharmender Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
136.	3191627	Sep Suresh Singh	34 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
137.	IC-47833	Maj Sukhminder Singh, SM	45 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2004
138.	IC-62201	Lt Rakesh Madan	2 JAT/AOC	Op Rakshak	2004
139.	3181604	L/Hav Babu Ram	2 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
140.	3187717	Sep Rakesh Kumar	2 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
141.	IC-50781	Maj Rajesh Sethi	4 JAT	Op Rhino	2004
142.	IC-64127	Lt Ashish Sajgotra	4 JAT	Op Rhino	2004
143.	3185329	Nk Hardit Singh	8 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
144.	SS-39543	Lt Nitin Hariram	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
145.	3179371	Hav Harpal Singh	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
146.	3192978	Sep Praveen Kumar	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
147.	IC-43875	Lt Col Vijay Mehta	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
148.	3188780	L/Nk Jagdish Prasad Dhinwa	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
149.	3184298	L/Hav Bharat Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
150.	3187823	L/Nk Yagya Datt	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
151.	JC-488829	Sub Albel Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
152.	IC-55561	Maj PK Khanduri	5 RR/19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004

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153.	IC-61490	Lt Prashant SA	5 RR	Op Rakshak	2004
154.	IC-61418	Lt Muppatty Sanjeev	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
155.	JC-488149	Sub Bhura Ram Jat	5 RR/8 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
156.	3190749	Sep Anil Kumar	34 RR/5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
157.	JC-260848	N/Sub Sultan Singh Rathore	45 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2004
158.	IC-61490	Lt PS Appaji	45 RR	Op Rakshak	2004
159.	IC-56401	Maj Sujan Singh Kular	45 RR/4 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
160.	IC-53749	Maj ZA Khan	19 AR/11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
161.	IC-57550	Maj Manmohan Singh	22 AR/8 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
162.	3181773	Hav Rajpal Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
163.	IC-48640	Maj Inderjeet Singh, SC	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
164.	3184272	Nk Mahaveer Prasad	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
165.	3177315	Hav Vijay Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
166.	3187544	L/Nk Ram Dev	4 JAT	Op Rhino	2005
167.	IC-62189	Capt Inderjeet Singh Dhillon, SM	14 JAT/ASC	Op Rakshak	2005
168.	IC-56687	Maj Anil Kumar Tripathi	5 RR/ASC	Op Rakshak	2005
169.	IC-58536	Maj Shobhit Tiwari	34 RR/12 JAT	Op Rakshak	2006
170.	IC-52752	Maj Maneesh Kukrety, SM	5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2006
171.	IC-54563	Maj Rajiv Ghosh	4 JAT	Op Rhino	2006
172.	SS-40082	Capt Gaurav Grewal	5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2006
173.	3185323	Nk Sarwan Ram	14 JAT	Op Rakshak	2006
174.	IC-46914	Lt Col RK Chemmala	15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2006
175.	SS-39824	Capt Ashutosh Sharma	15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2006
176.	SS-39921	Capt Rohan Sawhney	34 RR	Op Rakshak	2006
177.	3197872	Sep Amit Kumar	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2007
178.	15616599	Rfn Rakesh Kumar Gupta	61 RR/EME	Op Rakshak	2007
179.	3188007	Nk Jaipal Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2007
180.	3188037	Nk Sunil Kumar	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
181.	3198347	Sep Rajesh Kumar	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
182.	IC-55968	Maj Aditya Verma	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2008
183.	14422882	Nk Desh Raj	34 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2008
184.	IC-61582	Maj Naresh Chandra Gairola	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008

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185.	JC-489180	Sub Satish Kumar	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
186.	13697733	Nk Jamat Ali	61 RR/1 GUARDS	Op Rakshak	2008
187.	13698305	Nk Pawan Kumar	61 RR/1 GUARDS	Op Rakshak	2008
189.	3185119	Hav Nem Singh	6 JAT	Op Hifazat	2008
190.	3196554	Sep Shiv Pal	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
191.	IC-69120	Lt IS Rawat	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
192.	IC-68364	Capt Abhishek Behl	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
193.	JC-489387	Sub Ranbir Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
194.	JC-490078	Nb/Sub Jaibag Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
195.	JC-490121	Nb/Sub Krishan Kumar	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
196.	IC-67796	Capt Aveg Goel	21 JAT/EME	Op Rakshak	2009
197.	SS-38946	Maj Amit Pal Singh	5 RR	Op Rakshak	2009
198.	3184629	Hav Ram Chandra	34 RR/17 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
199.	IC-62268	Maj R Senthil Velan	45 RR	Op Rakshak	2009
200.	3196621	Sep Sultan Singh	45 RR/12 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
201.	IC-49594	Lt Col SV Patwardhan	45 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
202.	15166579	Gnr Naveen Kumar	45 RR/ARTY	Op Rakshak	2009
203.	3187422	Nk Virender Singh	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
204.	3186467	Hav Surender Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
205.	3188074	Nk Kiran Dev Rawat	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
206.	SS-40630	Capt Manish Kulhari	5 RR/19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
207.	3199182	Sep Ranvir Singh	5 RR/4 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
208.	3185907	Hav Mukesh Kumar	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
209.	3188645	L/Hav Pervender Singh	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
210.	IC-62656	Maj RK Anand	61 RR/15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
211.	IC-63897	Capt Raghvendra P Salgar	61 RR/	Op Rakshak	2010
212.	15615931	Gdsman Sunil Kumar	61 RR	Op Rakshak	2010
213.	SS-41214	Maj JS Veghela, SC	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
214.	3202943	Sep Atul Kumar	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
215.	3193999	L/Nk Mana Ram	61 RR/19 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
216.	IC-62075	Maj Kuldeep Singh	61 RR/ASC	Op Rakshak	2010
217.	IC-65403	Maj Farid ur Rehman	61 RR/GUARDS	Op Rakshak	2010

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218.	IC-69120	Lt IS Rawat, SM	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2011
219.	JC-48941	Sub Shyam Sunder	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2011
220.	JC-489636	Sub Vijender Singh	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2011
221.	3186606	Hav Surender Singh	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2011
222.	3193426	L/Nk Vijay Singh	18 JAT	Op Rhino	2011
223.	IC-71887	Lt Manoj Kumar Mishra	18 JAT	Op Rhino	2012
224.	IC-69128	Maj Marathe SK Bansilal	43 AR/3 JAT	Op Rakshak	2013
225.	IC-62920	Maj Abhishek Kukreti	34 RR/ENGR	Op Rakshak	2013
226.	IC-61856	Maj Sombir Singh Lamba	34 RR/ASC	Op Rakshak	2013
227.	3192759	Nk Surender Kumar Bhari	15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2013
228.	3198049	Sep Sukhvinder	17 JAT	Op Rakshak	2014
229.	IC-62163	Maj Raman Jha	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2015
230.	IC-74971	Maj Dalbir Malik	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2015
231.	IC-72942	Maj D Kakoli	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2015
232.	3195822	L/Nk Shankar Lal Bochliya	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2015
233.	13014379	Sep Abu Bakka Barbhuiya	114 TA	Op Rakshak	2015
234.	3204692	Sep Ankul	12 JAT	Op Rakshak	2016
235.	3200235	Sep Bijender Kumar	7 JAT	Op Rhino	2016
236.	IC-71362	Maj Amit Yadav	8 JAT	Op Rhino	2017
237.	SS-44200	Maj Nitin Mathew	19 JAT	Op Rhino	2017
238.	3191436	Nk Kuldeep Singh	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	2017
239.	3200871	Sep Vishal Chaudhary	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	2017
240.	3202262	Sep Babaloo Singh	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	2017
241.	3209481	Sep Vicky	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	2017
242.	IC-68003	Maj Ranveer Singh	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018
243.	3201769	Nk Gulvir Singh	45 RR/11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018
244.	3204223	L/Nk Pratap Singh	6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018
245.	3208824	Sep Het Ram Godara	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
246.	IC-66239	Lt Col Bhartendu Rawat	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
247.	3206908	Sep Sunil Kumar	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
248.	3210590	Sep Sandeep Kumar	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
249.	IC-73715	Maj KH Shem	5 RR/20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019

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250.	3193710	Hav Rakesh Kumar	34 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
251.	14930228	Hav Baljeet	2 MECH	Op Rakshak	2019
252.	3199522	Nk Ramesh Kumar	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
253.	3202050	Nk Narendra Kumar	5 RR/5 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
254.	3206464	Sep Sunil	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
255.	3207037	Sep Rinku	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
256.	3206908	Sep Sunil Kumar, SM	20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2019
257.	3201450	Nk Oum Singh	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
258.	14930228	Hav Baljeet, SM	9 RR/2 MECH	Op Rakshak	2020
259.	14930384	Hav Kiran Kumar Bommali	9 RR/2 MECH	Op Rakshak	2020
260.	3200583	L/Nk Yogendra Singh	34 RR/7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
261.	IC-68483	Maj Shishir Kumar	34 RR/20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
262.	IC-72471	Maj Pranav Prabhat	34 RR/2 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
263.	IC-73496	Maj Kulbhushan Singh	34 RR/12 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
264.	IC-73351	Maj Sachin Andotra	34 RR/ASC	Op Rakshak	2020
265.	JC-274567	Sub Mukesh Kumar Singh	34 RR/213 RKT Regiment	Op Rakshak	2020
266.	3194674	Hav Pritam Singh	34 RR/9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
267.	15143867	Hav Eshwar Singh	34 RR/91 Fd Regiment	Op Rakshak	2020
268.	15148306	Nk Dasari Ramesh	34 RR/ASC	Op Rakshak	2020
269.	3203097	Nk Suresh Chand Choudhary	34 RR/22 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
270.	9111907	L/Nk Subzar Ahmad Wani	34 RR/13 JAK LI	Op Rakshak	2020
271.	15221107	Sep Vinod Kumar	34 RR/15 Med Regiment	Op Rakshak	2020
272.	IC-78434	Capt Jasmeet Singh	34 RR/Arty	Op Rakshak	2020
273.	3209173	Sep Rambir Singh	34 RR/8 JAT	Op Rakshak	2020
274.	JC-492065	Nb Sub Sarjeet Singh	8 JAT	Op Rakshak	2021
275.	IC-77691	Maj Rahul Balakrishnan	34 RR/Arty	Op Rakshak	2021
276.	14941889	Nk Ghasi Ram	2 MECH	Op Rakshak	2021
277.	15221595	L/Nk Subodh Kumar	34 RR/Arty	Op Rakshak	2021
278.	9118096	Rfn Gulzar Ahmad	34 RR/13 JAK LI	Op Rakshak	2021
279.	3209799	Sep Akash Rana	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2021

Sena Medal (Distinguished Service)

Ser No	Number	Rank & Name	Unit/Parent Unit	Op/Theatre	Year
1.	IC-24260	Col BS Nagal	4 JAT		1995
2.	IC-41320	Col Sunil Dutt Mehta	11 JAT		1995
3.	IC-34121	Col Ajit Kumar Tripathi	16 JAT		1999
4.	3177543	Hav Kalla Ram	7 JAT		2004
5.	IC-40796	Col Rajvinder Pal Singh	5 RR		2004
6.	IC-30094	Brig DS Ahlawat	2 JAT		2006
7.	IC-31034	Brig RK Sharma	19 JAT		2006
8.	IC-33994	Brig JS Jagdev	6 JAT		2006
9.	IC-42339	Col P Narayanan	16 JAT		2006
10.	IC-25466	Maj Gen GG Dwivedi, VSM*	16 JAT		2007
11.	IC-31736	Brig Rajiv Bhalla	8 JAT		2007
12.	IC-47351	Col Rajesh Tyagi	4 JAT		2007
13.	IC-43776	Col Anil Kumar Rohilla	5 JAT		2008
14.	IC-47810	Col Harjinder Singh	34 RR		2008
15.	IC-63850	Capt Karan Sagar	21 JAT		2008
16.	IC-33450	Maj Gen DL Chowdhary, VSM	14 JAT		2009
17.	3186856	Hav Karamveer	17 JAT		2009
18.	IC-35204	Brig US Bawa, VrC	17 JAT		2011
19.	IC-44128	Col Arun Nair	21 JAT		2012
20.	IC-50290	Col TJ Ajith Kumar	14 JAT		2012
21.	IC-50715	Col DS Murty, SC, SM	16 JAT		2012
22.	IC-55143	Col Paramjeet Singh	8 JAT		2013
23.	IC-37386	Maj Gen Deepak Sapra	19 JAT		2014
24.	IC-49114	Col K Somashankar	18 JAT		2015
25.	IC-63986	Maj Anand Singh Bisht	9 JAT		2015
26.	IC-59371	Col Manas Kumar Mohapatra	7 JAT		2017
27.	IC-51018	Col US Rathore, VSM	15 JAT		2018
28.	IC-58150	Col MS Kahlon	9 JAT		2021
29.	IC-65668	Col Prakash Prasad	2 MECH		2021
Vishisht Seva Medal					
1.	IC-4870	Lt Col B Joginder Singh	16 JAT		1971
2.	IC-6233	Maj SS Hasabnis	16 JAT		1971

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3.	IC-6313	Lt Col Bhairon Singh	93 Bn BSF		1971
4.	IC-26811	Capt Vijay Singh	4 JAT		1975
5.	IC-7370	Lt Col RN Chibber	8 JAT		1975
6.	JC-65156	Sub Dharam Singh	2 JAT		1981
7.	IC-5203	Col AB Singh	7 JAT		1982
8.	IC-14018	Lt Col BD Dangwal	11 JAT		1982
9.	IC-14223	Lt Col SP Bhattacharjee	16 JAT		1982
10.	3153251	N/Sub Ramji Lal	3 JAT		1984
11.	IC-11003	Brig Prithi Raj	8 JAT		1985
12.	IC-7883	Lt Col Narender Mohan	6 JAT		1985
13.	IC-10414	Brig RN Bhalla	6 JAT		1985
14.	IC-14748	Lt Col MK Rao	3 JAT		1986
15.	IC-7384	Maj Gen R Narasimhan, SC	1 JAT		1986
16.	IC-13896	Lt Col Prithi Singh	8 JAT		1986
17.	IC-14784	Lt Col SK Singh	4 JAT		1986
18.	JC-76895	Sub Mukhtyar Singh	2 JAT		1986
19.	IC-11998	Brig Shakti Singh	17 JAT		1991
20.	IC-14018	Col BD Dangwal, VSM	11 JAT		1994
21.	IC-25446	Col GG Dwivedi	16 JAT		1995
22.	IC-26136	Brig Satbir Singh	9 JAT		1995
23.	JC-136970	Sub Om Prakash	3 JAT		1995
24.	IC-28605	Brig KS Shiv Kumar	3 JAT		1997
25.	IC-32857	Col Rajkumar C	4 JAT		1997
26.	SL-4224	Brig Suresh Chandra	18 JAT		1997
27.	IC-30018	Col RJS Dhillon	34 RR/PARA		1998
28.	IC-16632	Brig Avtar Singh	17 JAT		1998
29.	IC-28846	Brig BS Chaudhary	21 JAT		1998
30.	IC-26557	Brig SS Ahlawat	3 JAT		1998
31.	IC-34129	Col SCS Pathania	34 RR/3/9 GR		1999
32.	IC-33450	Col DL Chowdhary	14 JAT		2000
33.	IC-28035	Brig IS Janghu	17 JAT		2002
34.	IC-30094	Col DS Ahlawat	2 JAT		2002

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35.	IC-23370	Brig Ram Avtar Singh	9 JAT		2002
36.	IC-25446	Brig GG Dwivedi, VSM	16 JAT		2003
37.	IC-32550	Brig RK Malhotra	17 JAT		2004
38.	IC-40158	Col Anuj Kainthla	21 JAT		2004
39.	IC-39436	Col SK Saini, YSM	7 JAT		2006
40.	IC-43294	Col AK Pandey	5 RR/14 JAT		2007
41.	IC-34229	Brig KS Venugopal	14 JAT		2008
42.	IC-47112	Col JS Shekhawat	21 JAT		2009
43.	IC-43687	Col Vivek Sharma	16 JAT		2009
44.	IC-25903	Maj Gen SS Pawar	21 JAT		2010
45.	IC-31736	Brig Rajiv Bhalla, SM	8 JAT		2010
46.	IC-39437	Brig ST Upasani	11 JAT		2011
47.	IC-62115	Maj RS Jamwal	11 JAT		2013
48.	IC-51018	Col US Rathore	15 JAT		2013
49.	IC-62115	Col RS Jamwal, VSM	11 JAT		2014
50.	IC-43320	Brig Rajinder Bhatia	7 JAT		2017
51.	IC-45642	Brig GAV Reddy, SC	9 JAT		2018
52.	IC-42755	Maj Gen PK Saini	2 MECH		2020
53.	IC-50781	Brig Rajesh Sethi	4 JAT		2020
54.	IC-53524	Col Harjit Prit Pal Singh	15 JAT		2021
55.	IC-61418	Col Mupparty Sanjeev, SM	21 JAT		2021

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1.	IC-9480	Lt Col Nand Lal	12 JAT	Cactus Lily	1971
2.	IC-6233	Lt Col SS Hasabnis	6 JAT	Cactus Lily	1971
3.	IC-19991	Capt SJ Bhatia	14 JAT	Cactus Lily	1971
4.	JC-7107	Sub Maj Daryao Singh	6 JAT	Cactus Lily	1971
5.	3154129	LNk Balwant Singh	17 JAT	Cactus Lily	1971
6.	SS-22504	Capt Baldev Singh	6 JAT	Cactus Lily	1972
7.	IC 29955W	Maj RK Tomar	4 JAT	Cactus Lily	1971
8.	JC-51040	Sub Rati Ram	4 JAT	Cactus Lily	1972
9.	JC-54711	N/Sub Mange Ram	5 JAT	Indo-Pak	1972
10.	3152488	Sep Sher Singh	5 JAT	Indo-Pak	1972

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11.	SS-23214	2/Lt Rajender Kumar	4 JAT	Cactus Lily	1972
12.	3159980	Hav Bharat Singh	9 JAT	Cactus Lily	1972
13.	IC-26126	Maj MS Mathur	11 JAT	J&K	1972
14.	3171520	Sep Likhma Ram	14 JAT	Op Pawan	1989
15.	3165414	N/Sub Tiku Ram	4 JAT	Op Pawan	1990
16.	3167740	Hav Pal Singh	14 JAT	Op Pawan	1990
17.	IC-45091	Maj Ashwani Kumar	4 JAT	Op Pawan	1990
18.	3166255	Hav Virender Singh	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
19.	3167315	CHM Raghuvir Singh	12 JAT	Op Pawan	1991
20.	IC-52511	Capt Virkam Singh	5 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2000
21.	JC-488807	N/Sub Vedpal Sangwan	12 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
22.	JC-183456	Sub Harphool Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
23.	2168723	L/Hav Bhagwan Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
24.	JC-488102	Sub Om Prakesh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
25.	3173613	Nk Krishan Lal	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
26.	3177220	Nk Risipal Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
27.	3179606	Nk Ramswaroop Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
28.	3180612	L/Nk Rajesh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
29.	3182134	L/Nk Vijay Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
30.	3185510	Sep Dharmvir Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
31.	3186296	Sep Raj Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
32.	3186959	Sep Karam Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
33.	3187320	Sep Ranvir Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
34.	3187386	Sep Vijay Pal	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
35.	3188794	Sep Hawa Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
36.	3189532	Sep Gajpal Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
37.	3190727	Sep Krishan Kumar	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
38.	3190075	Sep Dharamvir Singh	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
39.	3191179	Sep Virender	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
40.	3187414	Sep Vinod Kumar	17 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
41.	JC-592469	N/Sub Maharaj Din	5 RR/JAK LI	Op Rakshak	2000
42.	IC-54914	Capt MK Narain	34 RR	Op Rakshak	2000

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43.	MR-7115	Maj Alok Sobti	4 JAT	Op Vijay	2000
44.	IC-51801	Capt Surjender Singh	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2001
45.	3186659	Sep Raj Kumar	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2001
46.	IC-48186	Maj Diwan Singh	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2002
47.	IC-58358	Capt Chetan Chouhan	6 JAT	Op Rhino	2002
48.	JC-489090	N/Sub Jagdesh Kumar	19 JAT	Op Rhino	2004
49.	3176510	Hav Sukhvir Singh	7 JAT	Op Rakshak	2004
50.	3183320	L/Hav Mukesh Kumar	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
51.	3190538	Sep Kulbir Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2005
52.	3192405	Sep Uday Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
53.	3193224	Sep Surender Singh	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2008
54.	IC-61565	Maj GS Khalon	9 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
55.	IC-63575	Capt Ananda Bose	45 RR/20 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
56.	JC-489169	Sub Hanumana Ram	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
57.	3182594	Hav Sanwar Mal	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
58.	12974132	L/Nk Abdul Rashid Khan	5 RR/JAK LI	Op Rakshak	2009
59.	SS-40532	Capt Birender Pathania	21 JAT	Op Rakshak	2009
60.	IC-68726	Capt Suraj Kumar	11 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
61.	JC-489569	Sub Kehar Singh	16 JAT	Op Rakshak	2010
62.	15619829	Gdr Ajay Singh	61 RR/GUARDS	Op Rakshak	2010
63.	3197254	Sep Madan Singh Rawat	15 JAT	Op Rakshak	2012
64.	3189093	Hav Arjun Ram	7 JAT	Op Rhino	2015
65.	SS-43354	Maj Prasanth R Pillai	18 JAT	Op Rakshak	2016
66.	IC-65749	Maj Rakesh Kumar Nayak	8 JAT	Op Rhino	2016
67.	3193474	Hav Teekma Ram	3 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018
68.	3201387	L/Nk Kishor	34 RR/6 JAT	Op Rakshak	2018

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S No	Service No	Rank	Name	Unit/Regiment	Theatre/Sect/Place	Day/ Month
<u>1947</u>						
1.	16626	Nk	Ladu Ram	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
2.	38304	Nk	Sube Singh	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
3.	16661	Sep	Dehban	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
4.	33410	Sep	Subh Ram	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
5.	3131130	Sep	Sukhdeo	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
6.	3131333	Sep	Hira Ram	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
7.	3132381	Sep	Parkash	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/12
<u>1948</u>						
8.	IO-45625	Nb Sub	Thambu Ram, VrC, MM	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	02/03
9.	3132001	JEM	Tek Chand	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	20/06
10.	11940	Hav	Yad Ram, VrC	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	02/03
11.	3131692	Nk	Shish Pal Singh, MVC	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	10/04
12.	3132351	LNk	Lachaman Ram	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	11/04
13.	3131720	Sep	Har Narain	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	02/03
14.	3131766	Sep	Dip Chand	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	18/04
15.	25776	Sep	Sambho	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	25/06
16.	JC-24657	Sub	Balwant Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
17.	3131415	Nb Sub	Har Narain	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
18.	3131430	Hav	Mukhtiar Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
19.	3629265	Hav	Birma ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
20.	25836	Nk	Karan Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
21.	29473	Nk	Har Karan	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
22.	3129095	Nk	Barender Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
23.	3131451	Nk	Surja	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09

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24.	38395	LNk	Dhare Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
26.	40684	LNk	Banwari Lal	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
27.	43117	LNk	Prem Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
28.	44055	LNk	Siri Chand	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
29.	3131477	LNk	Nathi	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
30.	3131507	LNk	Sukh Lal	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
31.	3131706	LNk	Sheo Narain	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	18/04
32.	31438	Sep	Ram Kanwar	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	05/10
33.	15329	Sep	Amar Chand	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
34.	33350	Sep	Teka Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
35.	34373	Sep	Jug Lal Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
36.	38572	Sep	Naidar	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
37.	44283	Sep	Zile Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
38.	2329203	Sep	Birbal	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
39.	3130086	Sep	Didar Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
40.	3130145	Sep	Dalip Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
41.	3130270	Sep	Jaswant Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
42.	3130355	Sep	Ram Richhpal	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
43.	3130928	Sep	Edal Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
44.	3131469	Sep	Mange Ram, VrC	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
45.	3131497	Sep	Bhima	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
46.	3131537	Sep	Bani Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
47.	3133212	Sep	Mai Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
48.	3133277	Sep	Fheru Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	03/08
49.	3133387	Sep	Hari singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
50.	3133500	Sep	Har Lal Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
51.	3133501	Sep	Mansa Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
52.	3134132	Sep	Daljit Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
53.	3134145	Sep	Diwan Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
54.	3628771	Sep	Hari Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
55.	3728500	Sep	Rupa	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
56.	3729079	Sep	Baldev Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
57.	3836333	Sep	Gaini Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09

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58.	4128328	Sep	Raghibir Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
59.	7549614	Sep	Kanshi Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	14/09
60.	3132952	Sep	Mir Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	30/09
61.	3132803	Sep	Kanwar Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	12/11
62.	3134073	Sep	Baldeo	3 JAT	J&K (Zojila Sect)	27/12
63.	23064	CHM	Gogi Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	02/07
64.	21303	Hav	Tuhi Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	09/10
65.	18926	Sep	Surat Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	02/07
66.	3128411	Sep	Nanu Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	02/07
67.	3132171	Sep	Tika	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	21/04
68.	3731093	Sep	Hori	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	01/05
69.	6335573	Sep	Jhuthar Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	29/12
<u>1949</u>						
70.	IEC-3193	Maj	Har Narain	1 JAT LI	J&K	16/01
71.	3131725	Sep	Munshi	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri)	05/01
72.	3131420	Hav	Amar Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Mahura, Uri Sect)	20/06
73.	3131386	Sep	Basao Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Mahura, Uri Sect)	11/12
74.	3133055	Sep	Manphool Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Mahura, Uri Sect)	19/09
75.	3134852	Sep	Hari Chand	3 JAT	J&K (Mahura, Uri Sect)	26/03
76.	IO-59201	Nb Sub	Pirithi Singh	6 JAT	J&K (Surankot Poonch)	10/02
77.	3131855	Hav	Pirithi Singh	6 JAT	J&K (Surankot Poonch)	10/02
78.	3136904	Nk	Tirkha	6 JAT	J&K (Mendhar, Poonch)	20/10
79.	3132526	Sep	Jage Ram	6 JAT	J&K (Mendhar, Poonch)	03/09
80.	3728930	Sep	Chuni Lal	6 JAT	J&K (Mendhar, Poonch)	20/10
<u>1951</u>						
81.	3133072	Sep	Baldeo Singh	6 JAT	J&K (Mendhar, Poonch)	16/03
<u>1954</u>						
82.	IC-3151	Maj	BN Nagal	2 JAT	Gyantse, Tibet	17/07
<u>1959</u>						
83.	3137592	Nk	Jai Karan	1 JAT LI	J&K	21/09
<u>1961</u>						
84.	3143822	Sep	Yashpal Singh	6 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/08

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1962						
85.	IC-4960	Maj	DN Pathak	2 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	11/12
86.		Capt	HN Paul	5 JAT	J&K (Galwan/Ladakh)	20/10
87.	JC-6022	Sub	Nihal Singh, VrC	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
88.	JC-9067	Sub	Amar Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
89.	JC-9512	Sub	Hoshiar Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
90.	3132133	Hav	Banwari	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
91.	3133660	Hav	Dhan Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
92.	3134919	Hav	Sultan Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
93.	3134364	LHav	Pritam	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
94.	3132623	Nk	Munshi Ram, VrC	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
95.	3139594	Nk	Inder Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
96.	2634504	Nk	Ram Kanwar	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
97.	3135505	LNk	Jaisa Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
98.	3139662	LNk	Kidar Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
99.	3140184	LNk	Karan Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
100.	3141504	LNk	Shive Charan	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
101.	3139141	Sep	Amar Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
102.	3140063	Sep	Chandgi Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
103.	3140517	Sep	Phuli Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
104.	3140847	Sep	Sube Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
105.	3140983	Sep	Budh Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
106.	3141059	Sep	Phusa Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
107.	3141389	Sep	Dhan Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
108.	3141403	Sep	Zile singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
109.	3141648	Sep	Jagbir Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
110.	3141762	Sep	Rawat Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
111.	3141806	Sep	Mahipal	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
112.	3141867	Sep	Jhabar Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
113.	3142135	Sep	Chander Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
114.	3142142	Sep	Nand Karan	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
115.	3142275	Sep	Kanwal Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
116.	3142284	Sep	Bhim Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10

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117.	3142413	Sep	Molar Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	23/10
118.	3142482	Sep	Lachhman Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
119.	3142642	Sep	Has Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
120.	3142932	Sep	Mithia	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
121.	3142933	Sep	Bhopal Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
122.	3142936	Sep	Sis Ram Panda	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
123.	3143424	Sep	Bohit Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	21/10
124.	3143499	Sep	Arjan Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
125.	3143693	Sep	Sher Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
126.	3143695	Sep	Badan Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
127.	3143763	Sep	Rai Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
128.	3143807	Sep	Shera	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
129.	3143844	Sep	Jai Lal	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	21/10
130.	3143939	Sep	Ram Kumar	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
131.	3143945	Sep	Sheo Rama Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
132.	3144083	Sep	Sugriw	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
133.	3144218	Sep	Lok Ram Shivrain	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
134.	3144236	Sep	Ram Kala	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
135.	3144260	Sep	Dhup Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
136.	3144261	Sep	Kirpal Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	22/10
137.	3144272	Sep	Ranjit Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
138.	3950688	Sep	Hazari Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Ladakh)	20/10
<u>1963</u>						
139.	3146215	Sep	Mathan Singh	8 JAT	Nagaland	03/12
<u>1965</u>						
140.	EC-52221	2Lt	Manjit Singh Chima	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	22/09
141.	JC-10398	Sub	Qabul Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	22/09
142.	3133178	Hav	Pirithi Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	10/09
143.	3142054	Hav	Raghu Bir Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	02/12
144.	3139299	LHav	Niranjan Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
145.	3141000	Nk	Satvir Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
146.	3141109	Nk	Umed Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
147.	3142170	Nk	Jai Singh Malik	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09

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148.	3144212	LNk	Dharamvir Goyat	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	08/09
149.	3144485	LNk	Kashi Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
150.	3142546	LNk	Mahabir Singh Rana	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	19/09
151.	3142699	LNk	Prakash Chand	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	19/09
152.	3141207	Sep	Ram Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
153.	3141475	Sep	Ishwar Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	22/09
154.	3142522	Sep	Birbal	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
155.	3143641	Sep	Ram Kishan	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
156.	3145303	Sep	Mangali Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
157.	3145758	Sep	Jai Chand	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	08/09
158.	3145760	Sep	Ram Chander	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
159.	3145872	Sep	Ruga Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	19/09
160.	3145992	Sep	Gabdoo Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
161.	3146406	Sep	Jai Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
162.	3146559	Sep	Kalayan Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
163.	3146848	Sep	Sat Narain	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	08/09
164.	3147189	Sep	Shivkaran Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	21/09
165.	3148086	Sep	Dalel Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
166.	3148181	Sep	Jailal Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
167.	3149143	Sep	Rai Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	21/09
168.	3149297	Sep	Kamar Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
169.	3149656	Sep	Ram Swaroop	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	17/09
170.	3150849	Sep	Omkar	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	08/09
171.	3151017	Sep	Zile Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
172.	3151031	Sep	Siri Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
173.	3151049	Sep	Sube Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
174.	3151337	Sep	Tansukh Ram	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
175.	3151344	Sep	Rameshwar Lal	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	23/09
176.	3151700	Sep	Jai Pal Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
177.	3151716	Sep	Ram Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	09/09
178.	3151775	Sep	Sher Singh	1 JAT LI	Lahore Sect Sadhanwali	06/09
179.	IC-13055	Maj	A R Tyagi, MVC	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	25/09
180.	IC-13654	Maj	R D Vatsa	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09

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181.	IC-14682	Capt	Kapil Singh Thapa, MVC	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
182.	EC-55956	2Lt	Kanchan Pal Singh, SM	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	08/09
183.	EC-57165	2Lt	Jabar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
184.	JC-35790	Nb Sub	Dharam Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	06/09
185.	3139868	Hav	Randhir Singh, SM	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
186.	3133927	Nk	Jile Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
187.	3138889	Nk	Hari Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
188.	3139170	Nk	Ram Kishan	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
189.	3141705	Nk	Nahar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
190.	3141748	LNk	Ram Phal, SM	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
191.	3141976	LNk	Iqbal Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
192.	3137970	Sep	Chhaju Ram	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	12/09
193.	3139527	Sep	Ishwar Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	21/09
194.	3139739	Sep	Ram Niwas	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
195.	3139829	Sep	Mani Ram, SM	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
196.	3140943	Sep	Arjan Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
197.	3141250	Sep	Chiranjil Lal	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	23/09
198.	3141587	Sep	Om Prakash	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
199.	3141868	Sep	Ram Phal	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
200.	3141978	Sep	Ram Karan Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	27/09
201.	3142179	Sep	Manphul Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	10/09
202.	3142209	Sep	Pratap Singh Kataria	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	11/09
203.	3142227	Sep	Fateh Singh, SM	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
204.	3142635	Sep	Dharampal Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
205.	3143349	Sep	Raghu Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
206.	3143380	Sep	Chhotu Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
207.	3143669	Sep	Ram Dewa	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
208.	3144375	Sep	Bhoopal Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
209.	3144524	Sep	Jaipal	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
210.	3144527	Sep	Jhabar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
211.	3144660	Sep	Ishwar Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	21/09
212.	3145162	Sep	Rajendra Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
213.	3145218	Sep	Shital Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09

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214.	3145234	Sep	Dariya Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
215.	3145270	Sep	Ram Chander	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
216.	3145352	Sep	Bhagal Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
217.	3145632	Sep	Jai Lal	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
218.	3145919	Sep	Amar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
219.	3146260	Sep	Ganesha Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
220.	3146283	Sep	Ram Kishan	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
221.	3146847	Sep	Daya Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
222.	3147363	Sep	Satbir Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
223.	3147692	Sep	Raj Pal Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
224.	3147700	Sep	Munshi Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
225.	3147727	Sep	Ishwar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
226.	3147846	Sep	Ram Chander	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
227.	3147861	Sep	Ram Chander	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	10/09
228.	3147872	Sep	Gurdial Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
229.	3147967	Sep	Duli Chand	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
230.	3148462	Sep	Jagdish Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
231.	3148806	Sep	Bohit Singh Verma	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
232.	3148958	Sep	Jug Lal	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	10/09
233.	3149003	Sep	Birbal Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
234.	3149023	Sep	Hari Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
235.	3149150	Sep	Karnail Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
236.	3149157	Sep	Mahabir Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	21/09
237.	3149524	Sep	Narain Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
238.	3149696	Sep	Megh Raj Singh	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	06/09
239.	3150178	Sep	Hardayal Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
240.	3150200	Sep	Data Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
241.	3150332	Sep	Lakhmi Chand	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	18/09
242.	3150344	Sep	Ram Kishan	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
243.	3151229	Sep	Umrao Lal	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
244.	3151380	Sep	Daya Nand	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
245.	3151542	Sep	Khem Chand	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	12/09
246.	3151564	Sep	Maha Nand	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09

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247.	3151849	Sep	Dharam Bir	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	21/09
248.	3152754	Sep	Attar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
249.	3152857	Sep	Phithu Ram	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
250.	3152869	Sep	Ram Dia	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
251.	3153142	Sep	Daya Nand	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
252.	3153258	Sep	Shib Lal	3 JAT	Gosal Dial (Pb, Pak)	21/09
253.	3153350	Sep	Sardar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
254.	3153490	Sep	Kitab Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
255.	3153583	Sep	Jai Pal Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
256.	3153593	Sep	Attar Singh	3 JAT	Dogra (Pb, Pak)	22/09
257.	IC-12920	Capt	BC Gujral, VrC	5 JAT	Chawinda	08/09
258.	IC-13407	Capt	MP Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	17/09
259.	EC-50703	Lt	RK Majumdar	5 JAT	Phillora Punjab	12/09
260.	EC-54445	2Lt	Gurdev Singh	5 JAT	Alhar	20/09
261.	IO-5354	Sub	Lajje Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
262.	JC-35054	Nb Sub	Zile Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	17/09
263.	JC-35511	Nb Sub	Ram Kishan	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
264.	JC-35512	Nb Sub	Hanmant Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
265.	3137662	LHav	Ram Chander	5 JAT	Chawinda	15/09
266.	3136785	Nk	Khajan Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	15/09
267.	3141288	Nk	Hukam Chand	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
268.	3141348	Nk	Baje Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
269.	3141618	Nk	Jai Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	12/09
270.	3139652	LNk	Ganesh Ram	5 JAT	Chawinda	12/09
271.	3141990	LNk	Jalim Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	05/09
272.	3142262	Sep	Hawa Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
273.	3142934	Sep	Jai Pal Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
274.	3143073	Sep	Khuma Ram	5 JAT	Chawinda	14/09
275.	3144690	Sep	Shri Bhagwan	5 JAT	Chawinda	09/09
276.	3145229	Sep	Nai Pal Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
277.	3145333	Sep	Roshan Lal	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
278.	3146125	Sep	Sukhbir Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	08/09

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279.	3146175	Sep	Dharamvir Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	20/09
280.	3146208	Sep	Chhote Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	14/09
281.	3149572	Sep	Ram Chandra	5 JAT	Chawinda	14/09
282.	3149733	Sep	Tulsa Ram	5 JAT	Chawinda	14/09
283.	3150581	Sep	Raghubir Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
284.	3150584	Sep	Zila Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
285.	3151098	Sep	Bijendra Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	12/09
286.	3151145	Sep	Kaptan	5 JAT	Chawinda	15/09
287.	3151318	Sep	Jagdish Ram	5 JAT	Chawinda	15/09
288.	3151364	Sep	Daya Nand	5 JAT	Chawinda	07/09
289.	3151460	Sep	Bikram Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	27/09
290.	3151470	Sep	Sukhbir Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
291.	3151613	Sep	Umed Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	11/09
292.	3151662	Sep	Dhira	5 JAT	Chawinda	10/09
293.	3151909	Sep	Samaya Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
294.	3152494	Sep	Hawai Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
295.	3152503	Sep	Nawab Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	09/09
296.	3152544	Sep	Daya Kishan	5 JAT	Chawinda	19/09
297.	3153257	Sep	Data Ram	5 JAT	Chawinda	17/09
298.	3153314	Sep	Nawab Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	22/09
299.	3153631	Sep	Jagat Singh	5 JAT	Chawinda	12/09
300.	3140352	Nk	Jag Ram	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	09/06
301.	3140537	LNk	Dhare	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	08/09
302.	3141549	LNk	Iqbal Singh	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	09/09
303.	3143565	Sep	Hari Chand	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	19/09
304.	3147550	Sep	Nathu Ram, SM	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	16/09
305.	3147630	Sep	Balbir Singh	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	23/10
306.	3151089	Sep	Inder Singh	6 JAT	Sialkot Sect (Pak)	08/09
307.	IC-14571	Capt	RP Gaur	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	28/10
308.	3133747	Hav	Balbir Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	08/09
309.	3144371	Nk	Magan Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	12/09
310.	3145281	LNk	Ude Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	08/09
311.	3145611	Sep	Shiv Ram	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	09/09

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312.	3146295	Sep	Ranbir Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	09/09
313.	3146547	Sep	Ram Lal Jat	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	08/09
314.	3146667	Sep	Badan Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	09/09
315.	3146742	Sep	Jagbir Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	08/09
316.	3150438	Sep	Ram Chander	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	11/09
317.	3150947	Sep	Lachhman Ram	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	09/09
318.	3151411	Sep	Moman	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	17/09
319.	3151598	Sep	Azad Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	09/09
320.	3151903	Sep	Kishan Singh	7 JAT	Unche Wains (Sialkot Sect)	12/09
321.	3141156	Hav	Mange Ram	14 JAT	J&K (Naushera)	07/09
322.	3150148	Sep	Sher Singh	14 JAT	J&K (Naushera)	22/09
<u>1966</u>						
323.	3152887	Sep	Attar Singh	16 JAT	Assam (Thingvom, NC Hills)	06/02
<u>1967</u>						
324.	3153991	Sep	Ram Sahai	1 JAT LI	Mizoram (Mizo Hills, Chawngte)	27/12
325.	3154011	Sep	Ranveer Singh	1 JAT LI	Mizoram (Mizo Hills, Chawngte)	27/12
326.	3155912	Sep	Ram Chander	1 JAT LI	Mizoram (Mizo Hills, Chawngte)	27/12
327.	3157255	Sep	Harnarain	1 JAT LI	Mizoram (Mizo Hills, Chawngte)	27/12
328.	IC-12968	Maj	Gurprit Singh Brar	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
329.	JC-36257	Nb Sub	Kishan Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
330.	3140354	NK	Pita Ram	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
331.	2443933	Sep	Raghu Nath	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
332.	3145350	Sep	Hanumana Ram	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
333.	3145615	Sep	Fateh Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
334.	3150746	Sep	Sukhbir Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
335.	3152504	Sep	Kartar Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
336.	3152850	Sep	Ratan Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
337.	3152964	Sep	Hari Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
338.	3153030	Sep	Taja Ram	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
339.	3153370	Sep	Ram Chander	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
340.	3154397	Sep	Raghbir Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07

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341.	3154801	Sep	Norang Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
342.	3156002	Sep	Sardar Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
343.	3156283	Sep	Mehar Chand	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
344.	3156290	Sep	Har Chand	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
345.	3156299	Sep	Bhagmal Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
346.	3156970	Sep	Ram Chander	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
347.	3157783	Sep	Har Narain Singh	16 JAT	Manipur (Bokutphei)	24/07
<u>1968</u>						
348.	JC-34403	Sub	Dalel Singh	16 JAT	Mizoram (Mizo Hills)	27/04
349.	3143668	Nk	Hari Singh	16 JAT	Mizoram (Mizo Hills)	10/05
350.	3147887	Sep	Hukam Chand	16 JAT	Mizoram (Mizo Hills)	22/07
<u>1969</u>						
351.	3156599	Sep	Hari Chand	16 JAT	Mizoram (Mizo Hills)	05/02
<u>1971</u>						
352.	JC-36252	Sub	Diwan Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/12
353.	JC-41949	Nb Sub	Umed Singh, VrC	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
354.	3138697	Hav	Nathu Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
355.	3139517	Hav	Kartar Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
356.	3143324	Nk	Ishwar Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	14/12
357.	3143330	Nk	Kapur Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
358.	3145322	Nk	Tara Chand	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Gyantse/ Tibet)	01/11
359.	3149487	Nk	Mukhtiar Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
360.	3145319	LNk	Bag Raj	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
361.	3147707	LNk	Richhpal Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	04/11
362.	3141823	Sep	Qabul Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	13/12
363.	3142205	Sep	Gaje Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Gyantse/ Tibet)	06/12
364.	3143119	Sep	Om Prakash Budhwar	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	08/12
365.	3143654	Sep	Charan Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11

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366.	3143979	Sep	Om Prakash	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	14/12
367.	3144662	Sep	Ishwar Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	11/12
368.	3145464	Sep	Dalip Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
369.	3146780	Sep	Charan Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
370.	3147655	Sep	Raghubir Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
371.	3147951	Sep	Aurja Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
372.	3148520	Sep	Krishan Kumar	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	03/11
373.	3148797	Sep	Rameshwar Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
374.	3148823	Sep	Matu Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	04/11
375.	3148841	Sep	Kashi Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	29/10
376.	3149353	Sep	Begh Raj	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
377.	3149796	Sep	Dhoop Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
378.	3149839	Sep	Ved Pal Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	30/12
379.	3150032	Sep	Samer Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
380.	3150379	Sep	Sube Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
381.	3150681	Sep	Karnail Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
382.	3150833	Sep	Hari Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
383.	3150998	Sep	Ram Bhagat	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	04/11
384.	3152041	Sep	Vijendra Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	04/11
385.	3152145	Sep	Munshi Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
386.	3154301	Sep	Harpal Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	03/11
387.	3154867	Sep	Sis Pal	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	04/11
388.	3155339	Sep	Ram Kishan	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	03/11
389.	3155360	Sep	Khazan Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11

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390.	3155506	Sep	Ram Pal	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	03/11
391.	3155602	Sep	Sher Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
392.	3155612	Sep	Om Parkash	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	04/11
393.	3155884	Sep	Sat Pal	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
394.	3157823	Sep	Mahabir Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
395.	3159840	Sep	Verendra Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
396.	3160220	Sep	Parhlad Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
397.	3160239	Sep	Hari Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	03/11
398.	3160350	Sep	Inder Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
399.	3160636	Sep	Vijay Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	16/09
400.	3160645	Sep	Kartar Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
401.	3160960	Sep	Baldev Ram	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
402.	3161021	Sep	Zile Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	02/11
403.	3161085	Sep	Kapoor Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	01/11
404.	3161505	Sep	Rajender Singh	2 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mynamati)	21/11
405.	IC-18086	Maj	Narain Singh, VrC	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
406.	JC-33587	Sub	Chhotu Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
407.	JC-55943	Nb Sub	Ghasi Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
408.	JC-66135	Nb Sub	Maha Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
409.	JC-66138	Nb Sub	Kanhiya Lal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	10/12
410.	2438740	Hav	Badle	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
411.	2440016	Hav	Ram Phal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	01/11
412.	2444032	Hav	Ram Phal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
413.	3144264	Hav	Devak Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
414.	3144417	Hav	Ganga Dhar, VrC	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
415.	3141349	Nk	Suraj Mal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12

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416.	3144340	Nk	Mange Lal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
417.	3144428	Nk	Kartar Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
418.	3144939	Nk	Bajrag Lal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
419.	3145045	Nk	Jaipal Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	11/12
420.	3147941	Nk	Vir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
421.	3148193	Nk	Sukh Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
422.	3149552	LNk	Tara Chand	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
423.	3152059	LNk	Randhir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
424.	3141807	Sep	Man Phool	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	14/12
425.	3144889	Sep	Jai Chand	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
426.	3145653	Sep	Balbir Singh Dhankhar	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
427.	3145712	Sep	Mahabir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
428.	3148221	Sep	Jug Lal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
429.	3149161	Sep	Dharam Chand	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	16/12
430.	3149909	Sep	Daryao Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
431.	3149912	Sep	Mange Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
432.	3149926	Sep	Nathu Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
433.	3150282	Sep	Deva Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	15/12
434.	3150553	Sep	Ram Charan	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	11/12
435.	3150565	Sep	Pirthi Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	11/12
436.	3154249	Sep	Ved Prakash	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
437.	3154429	Sep	Rajbir singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	11/12
438.	3154878	Sep	Hari Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
439.	3154944	Sep	Dattu Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
440.	3154999	Sep	Rajinder Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
441.	3155003	Sep	Manohar Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
442.	3155244	Sep	Om Parkash	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
443.	3155266	Sep	Ran Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
444.	3155949	Sep	Risal Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
445.	3156490	Sep	Balbir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	09/12
446.	3156759	Sep	Hawa Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
447.	3156786	Sep	Khajan Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
448.	3157052	Sep	Daya Nand	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	10/12

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449.	3158039	Sep	Balbir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
450.	3158567	Sep	Chhitar Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
451.	3158572	Sep	Bhagwana	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
452.	3158867	Sep	Raj Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	07/12
453.	3159513	Sep	Har Pal Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	25/12
454.	3159648	Sep	Jagdish Chander	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
455.	3159811	Sep	Chatar Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	15/12
456.	3159909	Sep	Bharat Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
457.	3159916	Sep	Ishar Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
458.	3159921	Sep	Sultan Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
459.	3159939	Sep	Harphool Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
460.	3160085	Sep	Ved Pal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
461.	3160106	Sep	Gordhan Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
462.	3160266	Sep	Rai Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
463.	3160367	Sep	Shahi Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	15/12
464.	3160511	Sep	Shishu Pal Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
465.	3160523	Sep	Bhopal Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
466.	3160572	Sep	Suraj Mal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/12
467.	3160963	Sep	Ram Saran Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
468.	3161188	Sep	Mangana Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	15/12
469.	3161227	Sep	Shiv Lal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
470.	3161276	Sep	Satbir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
471.	3161281	Sep	Kirpal Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
472.	3161357	Sep	Rameshwar	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
473.	3161383	Sep	Sampuran Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	07/12
474.	3161786	Sep	Sohanvir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	11/12
475.	3161788	Sep	Baldan	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	05/12
476.	3161794	Sep	Rajendra Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	04/12
477.	3153797	Sep	Ham Bir Singh	5 JAT	Eastern Theatre	09/12
478.	JC-55947	Nb Sub	Raj Karan	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	10/12
479.	3142264	Nk	Hawa Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	14/12
480.	3145533	Nk	Baljit Singh, SM	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	06/12
481.	3143768	Sep	Bula Ram	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	23/11

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482.	3146095	Sep	Kaptan Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	06/12
483.	3146107	Sep	Albel Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	10/12
484.	3148552	Sep	Dhan Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	10/12
485.	3150249	Sep	Nahar Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	14/12
486.	3152020	Sep	Moji Ram	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	10/12
487.	3157131	Sep	Hawa Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	14/12
488.	3157926	Sep	Jagat Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	15/12
489.	3158317	Sep	Sukh Deo Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	06/12
490.	3159358	Sep	Duli Chand	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	06/12
491.	3160811	Sep	Ajab Singh	6 JAT	Eastern Pak	15/12
492.	3147357	Nk	Om Parkash	7 JAT	Eastern Theatre Nagaland (Morah)	24/08
493.	IC-19844	Capt	Kuldeep Singh Rathi, VrC	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	07/12
494.	3148177	Sep	Mam Raj	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	16/12
495.	3154049	Sep	Jale Singh	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	10/12
496.	3157538	Sep	Ram Kishan	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	04/12
497.	3157829	Sep	Jai Pal Singh	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	04/12
498.	3159778	Sep	Kalu Ram	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	04/12
499.	IC-20230	Maj	SC Guleri	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
500.	IC-21289	Maj	HS Grewal, VrC	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
501.	IC-55576	2/Lt	Radha Mohan Naresh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
502.	JC-22931	Sub	Banwari Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
503.	JC-41968	Sub	Khazan Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	06/12
504.	JC-61971	Nb Sub	Rattan Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
505.	3142636	Hav	Jagdish Parsad	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	08/12
506.	3143336	Hav	Vijai Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	06/12
507.	3144330	Hav	Hukmi Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
508.	3145980	Hav	Bharat Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
509.	3145465	Nk	Ram Nivas	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
510.	3146882	Nk	Shis Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
511.	3146960	Nk	Partap Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
512.	3147088	Nk	Samat Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
513.	3147458	Nk	Panney Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	16/12
514.	3147482	Nk	Kanwal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12

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515.	3146583	LNk	Goverdhan Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
516.	3146619	LNk	Hawa Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
517.	3146659	LNk	Dharm Pal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
518.	3146694	LNk	Kanhaia Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
519.	3146800	LNk	Bhagwan Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
520.	3147177	LNk	Karn Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
521.	3147335	LNk	Ram Sarup	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
522.	2443250	Sep	Dalip Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
523.	3146872	Sep	Jai Pal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
524.	3146952	Sep	Ganpat Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
525.	3147047	Sep	Phool Chand	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	08/12
526.	3147159	Sep	Deep Chand	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
527.	3147180	Sep	Jaipal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
528.	3147209	Sep	Banwari Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
529.	3147337	Sep	Om Parkash	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
530.	3147439	Sep	Mohan Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
531.	3147440	Sep	Kesar Dev	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
532.	3147468	Sep	Surendra Pal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
533.	3147539	Sep	Lok Man	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	16/12
534.	3147831	Sep	Sher Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
535.	3148853	Sep	Shish Pal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	08/12
536.	3148907	Sep	Harphool	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
537.	3149096	Sep	Nanak Chand	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
538.	3150605	Sep	Mani Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
539.	3153210	Sep	Ram Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
540.	3154112	Sep	Ram Niwas	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
541.	3154117	Sep	Sardara Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
542.	3154121	Sep	Narana Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
543.	3154127	Sep	Kesar Deo	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
544.	3156032	Sep	Ram Phal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
545.	3156037	Sep	Nafe Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
546.	3156046	Sep	Dhup Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
547.	3156843	Sep	Richh Pal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12

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548.	3156875	Sep	Rati Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
549.	3157701	Sep	Narain Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
550.	3157730	Sep	Fateh Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
551.	3157738	Sep	Hawa Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	08/12
552.	3157750	Sep	Birham Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
553.	3157884	Sep	Ran Bir	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
554.	3158439	Sep	Hari Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
555.	3158483	Sep	Amar Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
556.	3158637	Sep	Hari Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
557.	3158689	Sep	Inder Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
558.	3158695	Sep	Hukam Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
559.	3158716	Sep	Tejpal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
560.	3158744	Sep	Raj Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
561.	3158936	Sep	Balwan Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
562.	3158939	Sep	Mahendra Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
563.	3158946	Sep	Sonpal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
564.	3158966	Sep	Ganga Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
565.	3158969	Sep	Prem Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
566.	3158973	Sep	Satbir Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
567.	3159177	Sep	Mangal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
568.	3159382	Sep	Mohinder Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
569.	3159428	Sep	Raj Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
570.	3159436	Sep	Har Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	08/12
571.	3159454	Sep	Hari Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
572.	3159624	Sep	Hawa Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
573.	3159701	Sep	Pooran Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
574.	3159705	Sep	Jai Prakash	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
575.	3159716	Sep	Charan Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	08/12
576.	3159745	Sep	Subh Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
577.	3160029	Sep	Om Pal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
578.	3160045	Sep	Banna Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
579.	3160439	Sep	Singh Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
580.	3160775	Sep	Banwari Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12

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581.	3160929	Sep	Fateh Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
582.	3161768	Sep	Dewa Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
583.	3161774	Sep	Baga Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
584.	3161779	Sep	Kumbha Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Chhamb)	10/12
585.	JC-37856	Sub	Mahabir	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	07/12
586.	3146015	Hav	Bhupal Singh Dalal	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	22/12
587.	3148595	LNk	Chhotu Ram	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	11/12
588.	3154767	Sep	Tej Ram	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	07/12
589.	3156787	Sep	Ram Phal	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	11/12
590.	3159161	Sep	Birbal Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	07/12
591.	IC-16571	Maj	Sudesh Kumar	12 JAT	Eastern Theatren (Op Chittgong)	02/12
592.	JC-64195	Nb Sub	Prem Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	15/12
593.	JC-66132	Nb Sub	Sheo Adhar Tiwary	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
594.	2943781	LHav	Bodhu Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
595.	3147848	LNk	Gar Dhari Lal	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
596.	3354410	LNk	Kapur Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
597.	2445754	Sep	Amar Chand	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	01/11
598.	2454896	Sep	Makhan Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
599.	2458371	Sep	Sardara Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
600.	3145242	Sep	Jai Narain	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	15/12
601.	3158611	Sep	Pit Ram	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	13/12
602.	3159519	Sep	Ram Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	25/11
603.	3161293	Sep	Ram Chander Meghwal	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	02/12
604.	JC-17037	Sub	Raghibir Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Comilla)	08/12
605.	3141069	Hav	Rattan Lal	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
606.	3141913	Hav	Kishan Singh, VrC	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Comilla)	08/12
607.	3147611	Nk	Bajrang Lal, SM	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
608.	3143434	LNk	Pale Ram	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	04/12
609.	3143675	Sep	Mottu Ram	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
610.	3148420	Sep	Barma Nand	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Comilla)	08/12

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611.	3149480	Sep	Mahi Pal Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	19/12
612.	3149845	Sep	Balwan Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Comilla)	08/12
613.	3152316	Sep	Dalip Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	04/12
614.	3155047	Sep	Sanwar Ram	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Comilla)	08/12
615.	3157109	Sep	Daya Nand	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
616.	3158479	Sep	Nafe Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
617.	3158488	Sep	Jit Ram	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	04/12
618.	3158889	Sep	Gunpal Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
619.	3160973	Sep	Shyam Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
620.	3160996	Sep	Mehtab Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	16/12
621.	3145060	Hav	Surendra Pal Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Digiana, Jammu)	12/12
622.	3144770	Sep	Tara Chand	17 JAT	J&K (Digiana, Jammu)	19/12
623.	3158087	Sep	Ratana Ram	17 JAT	J&K (Digiana, Jammu)	08/12
624.	3159352	Sep	Attar Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Digiana, Jammu)	13/12
<u>1972</u>						
625.	2443655	Nk	Umed Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	01/03
626.	2443895	Sep	Ganpat Ram	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	24/01
627.	3151593	Sep	Ram Pal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	01/02
628.	3160653	Sep	Jagdish	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	28/01
629.	3161052	Sep	Balbir Singh	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	01/03
630.	3161892	Sep	Raj Pal	4 JAT	Western Theatre (Fazilka)	06/01
631.	3157154	Sep	Ram Kumar	5 JAT	Eastern Theatre	03/02
632.	3148505	Sep	Hanuman	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	06/07
633.	3155095	Sep	Phool Chand	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	27/06
634.	3161576	Sep	Ishwar Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	18/06
635.	3162095	Sep	Karan Pal Singh Teotia	11 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	19/06
636.	2954839	Sep	Nihal Singh	12 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Mizoram)	28/07
637.	3148198	Sep	Darya Singh	14 JAT	Eastern Theatre (Bangladesh)	07/02
<u>1973</u>						
638.	3152242	Sep	Ram Pal	2 JAT	Nagaland	09/10

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639.	SS-22848	Capt	HPS Ahluwalia, KC	7 JAT	Eastern Theatre Nagaland (Ghaspani)	31/07
<u>1976</u>						
640.	3164543	Sep	Rajindra Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Kalsian Sect)	04/09
<u>1984</u>						
641.	3161857	Nk	Raj Pal	19 JAT	Punjab (Tibri)	14/06
<u>1985</u>						
642.	3175425	Sep	Baldhar Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	30/12
<u>1986</u>						
643.	JC-135645	Nb Sub	Nafe Singh, SM	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
644.	3161673	Hav	Shyam Lal	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	22/03
645.	3163097	Hav	Krishan Pal	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	24/03
646.	3160454	Nk	Fateh Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	22/03
647.	3164124	Nk	Pema Ram	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
648.	3164376	Nk	Bhagat Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	20/03
649.	3164435	Nk	Risal Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
650.	3164863	Nk	Virender Pal Singh, SM	15 JAT	J&K (Nowshera Sect)	12/01
651.	3164943	Nk	Rameshwar Lal	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	26/05
652.	3167348	LNk	Baljit Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	19/03
653.	3166953	Sep	Satyavir Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	22/03
654.	3169419	Sep	Ram Pratap	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
655.	3170702	Sep	Raj Bir	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	22/03
656.	3170850	Sep	Man Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
657.	3170876	Sep	Prem Chand Dular	11 JAT	J&K (Thoise)	22/03
658.	3171336	Sep	Hans Raj	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	02/03
659.	3171736	Sep	Dilbag Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
660.	3173498	Sep	Balga Nand	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
661.	3173923	Sep	Ram Kanwar	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	19/03
662.	3175500	Sep	Ram Singh Sheoran	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	13/03
663.	3176743	Sep	Narsha Ram	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	24/02
664.	3176848	Sep	Tola Ram Khileri	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	20/03
665.	3177620	Sep	Rameshwar	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	20/03
666.	3178345	Sep	Babu Ram	11 JAT	J&K (Kiari) Siachin	10/03

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<u>1988</u>						
667.	3166752	Hav	Jagdish Prasad Jat	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	20/10
668.	3172356	LNk	Rajpal Singh	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	05/10
669.	3172746	Sep	Randhir Singh Malik	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	20/10
670.	3175207	Sep	Shiv Pal Ram Jat	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	20/10
671.	3176100	Sep	Sultan Singh	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	20/10
672.	3178050	Sep	Rajbir singh	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	20/10
673.	IC-16131	Col	SSS Raman	7 JAT	Sri Lanka (Op Pawan)	25/08
674.	IC-32794	Maj	Michael Lewis	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
675.	IC-34852	Capt	Pramod Jolley	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
676.	3166267	Hav	Dalip Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
677.	3166308	Hav	Parbhu Dayal	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
678.	3165828	Nk	Bhoop Singh Sharma	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
679.	3178031	Sep	Babu Lal Gurjar	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
680.	3178814	Sep	Sube Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
681.	3179720	Sep	Daljit Kumar	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
682.	3180894	Sep	Satyawan Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
683.	3180997	Sep	Ramesh Kumar	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/09
684.	JC-97461	Sub	Balwan Singh	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	26/01
685.	3162151	Hav	Satbir Singh	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	26/01
686.	3171520	LNk	Likama Ram Jat	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	05/02
687.	3174992	Sep	Vijandar Singh	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	03/07
688.	3177817	Sep	Jasbir Singh	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	25/11
689.	3165238	Nk	Dharmbir	15 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	23/11
690.	10404627	Nk	Brahma Nand Dubey	114 Inf TA	Sri Lanka	23/08
<u>1989</u>						
691.	3181028	Sep	Sita Ram Sinwar	2 JAT	Nagaland (Hinghatongten)	28/03
692.	3169692	Hav	Rajendra Singh, SM	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	21/06
693.	3179188	Sep	Dharajit Singh Chahar, VrC	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/01
694.	3181486	Sep	Ram Pal	4 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	06/12
695.	3182177	Sep	Balwan Singh	6 JAT	Poonch Sect	06/08
696.	3169043	Nk	Babu Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	12/04
697.	3169175	Nk	Mohinder Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	12/04

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698.	3169339	Nk	Ram Narain Misra	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	08/06
699.	3171173	LNk	Phool Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	12/04
700.	3176360	Sep	Kapoor Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	07/06
701.	3180025	Sep	Netra Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	29/12
702.	3180667	Sep	Ram Singh	12 JAT	Sri Lanka (Vavuniya Sect)	13/04
703.	IC-48253	2Lt	Rajesh Kumar	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	05/02
704.	JC-175025	Nb Sub	Ishwar Singh	14 JAT	Sri Lanka (Batticaloa Sect)	05/02
<u>1990</u>						
705.	4064233	Sep	Rajender Singh	2 JAT	J&K (Middle Glacier)	06/02
706.	3166859	Hav	Rupa Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Tangdhar)	24/06
707.	3177553	Sep	Randhir Singh	11 JAT	J&K (Lam)	21/06
<u>1991</u>						
708.	3174793	LNk	Jagdish Prashad	16 JAT	J&K (North Glaciard)	26/05
709.	3181391	Sep	Ram Karan Thakan	16 JAT	J&K (North Glaciard)	19/08
710.	JC-169170	Sub	Nopa Ram, KC	18 JAT	Punjab (Amritsar)	12/02
711.	3182115	Sep	Ashok Kumar	21 JAT	J&K (Siachin)	18/09
<u>1993</u>						
712.	3166595	Hav	Ghanshyam Singh	12 JAT	J&K (Nowshera Sect)	25/02
713.	10404732	LNk	Dharam Pal	114 Inf TA	J&K (Zelum River)	05/03
714.	10405058	Sep	Jai Ram	114 Inf TA	J&K (Zelum River)	05/03
715.	3179337	Sep	Vijai Singh	1 RR/14 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	15/10
716.	3179896	Sep	Devendra Kumar, SC	1 RR/3 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	16/11
<u>1994</u>						
717.	3172473	Nk	Yogender Singh	6 JAT	J&K (North Glacier)	16/07
718.	3177267	Nk	Ram Kumar	6 JAT	J&K (North Glacier)	13/06
719.	3183692	Sep	S Harishchandra Dashrath	6 JAT	J&K (North Glacier)	09/07
720.	3185103	Sep	Jagdish Prasad Jat, SM	6 JAT	J&K (North Glacier)	13/06
721.	3185197	Sep	Ramesh Chandra	6 JAT	J&K (North Glacier)	29/04
722.	3185284	Sep	Anup Singh	6 JAT	J&K (North Glacier)	13/06
723.	3185336	Sep	Rajesh	7 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	24/10
724.	JC-185516	Sub	Rajpal Singh Slothia	9 RR/17 JAT	J&K (Pulwama)	18/11
725.	3177838	LNk	Jagmahindra Singh	9 RR/2 JAT	J&K (Pulwama)	02/11

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<u>1995</u>						
726.	3180773	Sep	Manohar Lal	3 JAT	J&K (Keran Sect)	06/04
727.	13610845	Hav	Chitru Ram, SC	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	11/02
728.	3179467	Nk	Jasvir Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	18/01
729.	3175782	LNk	Rishi Pal, SM	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	11/05
730.	3179458	Sep	Shishu pal Singh Dagur	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	18/01
731.	3184327	Sep	Jagdish Prasad	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	18/01
732.	3185765	Sep	Vinod Kumar, SM	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	11/05
733.	3173965	Nk	Ramu Ram	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	18/06
734.	3185874	Sep	Suresh Kumar	8 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	05/08
735.	3185898	Sep	Umed Singh	15 JAT	Harsil Sect, Uttarkashi	13/12
736.	3976455	LHav	Diwan Chand	20 JAT	Nagaland (Makokchung)	30/08
737.	3983363	Sep	Charan Singh	20 JAT	Nagaland (Makokchung)	30/08
738.	3984225	Sep	Rattan Lal Thakur	20 JAT	Nagaland (Makokchung)	30/08
739.	3985270	Sep	Kaptan Singh	20 JAT	Nagaland (Makokchung)	30/08
740.	3177263	LNk	Surendra Singh, SM	9 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Nowshera Sect)	29/12
<u>1996</u>						
741.	3168304	Hav	Bhagwana Ram Jakhar	3 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	26/06
742.	IC-45068	Maj	Vikash Yadav, SM	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	09/06
743.	RC-927	Lt	Mange Ram Lamba	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	09/06
744.	3179359	LNk	Badam Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	09/06
745.	3184521	Sep	Subhash Chand	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	09/06
746.	3186216	Sep	Mahesh Kumar	7 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	09/06
747.	IC-50353	Maj	Ashutosh Kumar, SM	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	21/08
748.	JC-181827	Sub	Nihal Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	24/08
749.	3175007	Nk	Banshi Dhar Jat	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	24/08
750.	SS-36468	2/Lt	Balbir Singh Bhutan	11 JAT	Arunachal Pradesh (Lekha Pani)	30/08
751.	JC-188489	Sub	Sardar Singh Jat	21 JAT	J&K (Nowshera Sect)	19/06
752.	3184703	Sep	Dharmdev Prasad Bharati	4 RR/12 JAT	J&K (between Pahalgam to Chandanwari)	12/09
753.	3170487	Hav	Balwant Singh Raman	5 RR/16 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	05/11
754.	3176185	LNk	Banshidhar Yadav, SM	5 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	10/02
755.	2777528	LNk	Ravso Rangrao Patil	5 RR/20 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	01/07
756.	IC-43848	Maj	Chander Shekhar, SC	34 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	06/12

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757.	3170940	Nk	Surender Pal Singh	34 RR/14 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	07/12
<u>1997</u>						
758.	3189628	Sep	Sanjay Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	10/11
759.	3188658	Sep	Sanjay Kuamr Verma, SM	14 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	26/04
760.	3182372	Sep	Naresh Kumar	16 JAT	J&K (Malabela)	20/04
761.	3170730	Hav	Pawan Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	08/11
762.	3175721	Nk	Mahender Singh	19 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	06/05
763.	3184716	Sep	Vijay Singh	19 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	19/12
764.	3185298	Sep	Raghuvir Singh	5 RR/3 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	08/11
765.	3183593	Sep	Pasand Singh	9 RR/2 JAT	J&K (Bandipur)	23/02
766.	3176845	Nk	Ram Kumar	34 RR/18 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	13/04
767.	3181308	LNk	Dilbag Singh	34 RR/5 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	04/10
768.	3182021	LNk	Satvir Singh	34 RR/6 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	04/10
769.	3182835	Sep	Manoj Kumar	34 RR/5 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	04/10
<u>1998</u>						
770.	3180672	Nk	Satya Pal	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	24/08
771.	3190249	Sep	Arun Kumar	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	17/09
772.	IC-35300	Col	PB Gole, SM**	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	18/07
773.	3180077	LNk	Ram Phal	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	10/01
774.	3182419	Sep	Sant Lal	9 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	10/01
775.	3189110	Sep	Yudhister	14 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	27/04
776.	3174707	Nk	Desh Raj, SM	19 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	25/01
777.	3180119	Nk	Mani Ram	5 RR/18 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	06/07
778.	3187032	Sep	Prakash Vir	5 RR/4 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	06/07
779.	3185654	Sep	Sajjan Singh Gainan	34 RR/6 JAT	J&K (Wanihom, Budgam)	31/12
780.	3188404	Sep	Man Sukh	34 RR/11 JAT	J&K (Wanihom, Budgam)	31/12
<u>1999</u>						
781.	IC-58522	Capt	Saurabh Kalia	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil) Kakshar	09/06
782.	SS-38218	Capt	Amit Bhardwaj	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	17/05
783.	JC-488144	Sub	Mohan Lal	4 JAT	J&K (Kakshar)	31/01
784.	3172325	Hav	Bijay Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	12/06
785.	3173542	Hav	Rajvir Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	17/05
786.	3176333	Nk	Mahendra Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	12/06
787.	3177465	Nk	Bhim Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	12/06

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788.	3178594	Nk	Umed Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	13/10
789.	3181554	LNk	Daya Chand	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	12/06
790.	3181740	Sep	Narendra Singh Rathi	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	02/06
791.	3184160	Sep	Soran Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	21/06
792.	3185448	Sep	Suresh Kumar	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	17/05
793.	3185589	Sep	Naresh Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	15/05
794.	3188443	Sep	Mula Ram	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	15/05
795.	3188451	Sep	Bheeka Ram Choudhary	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	15/05
796.	3188591	Sep	Heera Singh Jat	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	21/06
797.	3189313	Sep	Banwari Lal Bagaria	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	15/05
798.	3189650	Sep	Ramesh Chander	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	12/06
799.	3189781	Sep	Arjun Ram Baswana	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	15/05
800.	3190338	Sep	Gulab Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	21/06
801.	3190755	Sep	Ravinder	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	06/06
802.	3184594	LNk	Ravinder Singh	6 JAT	Assam (Khasiabari, Kokrajhar)	18/11
803.	3171385	Hav	Lachhman Singh	8 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	09/06
804.	3172590	Hav	Sis Ram Gill, VrC	8 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	09/07
805.	3181852	LNk	Azad Singh, SM	8 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	09/07
806.	3189213	Sep	Paviter Kumar	8 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	09/07
807.	3189621	Sep	Narender Singh	8 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	09/07
808.	JC-220743	Sub	Gardari Lal	12 JAT	J&K (Sub Sect West)	25/08
809.	JC-488573	Nb Sub	Rajbir Singh	12 JAT	J&K (Sub Sect West)	26/07
810.	3180136	LNk	Vijaya Kumar Shukla	12 JAT	J&K (Durga Complex)	26/07
811.	3180920	LNk	Khadag Singh, SM	12 JAT	J&K (Sub Sect West)	06/05
812.	3184426	Sep	Pawan Kumar	12 JAT	J&K (Bagosha Complex)	31/08
813.	IC-54152	Maj	Ritesh Sharma	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/10
814.	IC-57111	Capt	Anuj Nayar, MVC	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
815.	JC-183456	Sub	Harphool Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	30/05
816.	3168723	Hav	Bhagwan Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
817.	3169696	Hav	Kumar Singh, VrC	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07

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818.	3169828	Hav	Hari Om	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
819.	3170559	Hav	Mahavir Singh, SM	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	05/07
820.	3172785	Nk	Balwan Singh, SM	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	05/07
821.	3173613	Nk	Krishan Lal	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
822.	3177220	Nk	Rishipal Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
823.	3178859	Nk	Shyam Bir Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	09/07
824.	3179606	Nk	Ram Swaroop Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
825.	3176523	LNk	Mahipal Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Anantnag)	12/01
826.	3180612	LNk	Rajesh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
827.	3180868	LNk	Ramvir Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
828.	3182134	LNk	Vijay Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
829.	3182639	LNk	Rajbir	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
830.	3182641	LNk	Rajendra Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	08/07
831.	3184853	Sep	Syodana Ram	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
832.	3185510	Sep	Dharamvir Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	08/07
833.	3186596	Sep	Raj Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
834.	3186959	Sep	Karan Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
835.	3186962	Sep	Kalu Ram Jakhar	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	04/07
836.	3187320	Sep	Ranveer singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	30/05
837.	3187386	Sep	Vijay Pal	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	10/06
838.	3187414	Sep	Vinod Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	30/05
839.	3188184	Sep	Kanchi Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
840.	3188230	Sep	Satyvir Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
841.	3188347	Sep	Surender, SM	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07

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842.	3188529	Sep	Anil Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
843.	3188794	Sep	Hawa Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
844.	3188970	Sep	Jitendra Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
845.	3189068	Sep	Shish Ram	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
846.	3189532	Sep	Gajpal Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	30/05
847.	3189697	Sep	Naresh Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	07/07
848.	3190075	Sep	Dharambeer Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	30/05
849.	3190727	Sep	Krishan Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	30/05
850.	3191179	Sep	Virander Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Mashkoh Valley, Dras Sub Sect)	06/07
851.	JC-208086	Sub	Nathu Ram Karwasara	5 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	09/11
852.	3186486	Sep	Kuldip Singh	5 RR/17 JAT	J&K (Wusan, Ganderbal)	18/06
853.	3188026	Sep	Subodh Kumar Tomar	5 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Wusan, Ganderbal)	18/06
854.	3188711	Sep	Bharo Singh	5 RR/15 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	17/08
855.	3188911	Sep	Gitam Singh	5 RR/8 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	03/07
856.	JC-166704	Sub	Ram Pal Singh, SM	34 RR/9 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	13/08
857.	3185699	Nk	Rajender Singh, SM	34 RR/5 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	24/12
858.	3185234	Sep	Bhoop Singh, SM	34 RR/16 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Badgam)	05/10
2000						
859.	3179760	Nk	Ishwar Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	17/10
860.	3181461	Nk	Rameshwar	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	07/07
861.	3181482	Nk	Pawanjit Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	06/06
862.	3179500	LNk	Kunwar Pal	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	17/10
863.	3184496	LNk	Dashrath Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	16/10
864.	3178432	Hav	Babu Lal Senwer	4 JAT	J&K (Kargil Sect)	05/02
865.	3189023	Sep	Bhanwar Ram	4 JAT	J&K (6121 (I) FWC EME	17/07
866.	3177150	Nk	Ishwar Singh Sheoran	5 JAT	J&K (Rajouri Sect)	02/07
867.	IC-44242	Maj	Gaurav Sharma	7 JAT/14 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	17/08
868.	3175734	Hav	Dalbir Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	15/02
869.	3176286	Hav	Pooran Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	15/02
870.	3184090	LNk	Jai Narayan Jat	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	01/05

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871.	3188671	Sep	Rajendra Kumar	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	13/03
872.	3191160	Sep	Rajesh Kumar	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	10/04
873.	3191963	Sep	Rajender Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	07/11
874.	3187576	Sep	Yogendra Singh	8 JAT	J&K (Panzgam)	25/07
875.	JC-488805	Nb Sub	Gulzar Singh	12 JAT	J&K (Durga Complex)	04/02
876.	3189488	Nk	Praveen Kumar Singh	12 JAT	J&K (Sando Nala, Dras Sect)	31/10
877.	SS-37096	Capt	Hemant J Prem K, SM	15 JAT	Manipur (Tamenglong)	30/08
878.	3188729	Sep	V Mahesh Kumar P	15 JAT	Manipur (Leimakhong)	28/12
879.	3188776	Sep	Rameshwar Lal Jat	18 JAT	J&K (Kargil)	09/01
880.	3190706	Sep	Pradeep Choudhary	18 JAT	J&K (Kargil Sect)	10/07
881.	3178067	Hav	Subhash Chandra	5 RR/15 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	05/03
882.	3179292	Hav	Jai Kumar Singh	5 RR/19 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	05/03
883.	3177111	Nk	Raghubir Singh	5 RR/7 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	15/03
884.	3177313	Nk	Dama Ram	5 RR/20 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	05/03
885.	3190377	Sep	Ramesh Kumar	5 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Sumbal, Bandipura)	25/02
886.	IC-52897	Maj	M K Pandey	34 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Beerwah)	12/09
887.	JC-177961	Sub Maj	Ranbir Singh Hooda	34 RR/9 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	12/09
888.	JC-488901	Nb Sub	Surja Ram Jat	34 RR/14 JAT	J&K (Zandpat, Budgam)	12/09
889.	3177133	Hav	Prithavi Singh	34 RR/17 JAT	J&K (China Marg Gali)	25/11
890.	3181970	LNk	Sarman Singh	34 RR/17 JAT	J&K (Zandpat, Budgam)	12/09
891.	3182267	LNk	Kuldip	34 RR/18 JAT	J&K (Pattan)	12/10
892.	3182567	LNk	Ram Mohan	34 RR/9 JAT	J&K (Sutharan, Budgam)	12/09
893.	3183421	Sep	Ram Dhari	34 RR/2 JAT	J&K (Sutharan, Budgam)	12/09
894.	3186686	Sep	Ram Vir Singh	34 RR/16 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	13/04
895.	3187598	Sep	Satendra Kumar, SM	34 RR/6 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	01/07
896.	3188100	Sep	Jagdish	34 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Waingam)	26/07
897.	3189737	Sep	Om Prakash	34 RR/7 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	12/09
898.	3190279	Sep	Bhal Singh	34 RR/19 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	12/09
899.	3192509	Sep	Jagvir Singh	34 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Zandpat, Budgam)	12/09
2001						
900.	3181985	Nk	Bal Bir Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	25/07
901.	3188474	Sep	Ram Chander	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	04/04

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902.	3188857	Sep	Dev Karan	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	04/04
903.	3192252	Sep	Lokendra Kumar	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	04/04
904.	3193146	Sep	Omveer Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	04/04
905.	3193230	Sep	Chhotu Ram	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	04/04
906.	3193324	Sep	Rajesh Kumar	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	04/04
907.	JC-488581	Sub	Hoshiyar Singh	6 JAT	Assam (Kanchijan, Tinsukia)	21/09
908.	3185123	Nk	Suresh Kumar	6 JAT	Assam (Selinguri, Tinsukia)	06/12
909.	3186838	Sep	Manjit, SC	6 JAT	Assam (Hathigarh, Tinsukia)	27/09
910.	3187285	Sep	Mange Ram Singh	6 JAT	Assam (Kanchijan, Tinsukia)	21/09
911.	3190429	Sep	Souman Pathak	6 JAT	Assam (Kanchijan, Tinsukia)	21/09
912.	3181141	Nk	Krishna Kumar	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	22/09
913.	3182555	Nk	Jagbir Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	27/09
914.	3189752	Sep	Davendra Singh Tomar	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	27/09
915.	3192180	Sep	Badan Singh	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	27/09
916.	JC-216534	Sub	Mam Chand	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
917.	3169919	Hav	Siya Ram Gurjar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
918.	3171211	Hav	Shishu pal Singh	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
919.	3180013	Nk	Dinesh Chandra	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
920.	3181192	Nk	Ram Sahaya Mishra	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
921.	3182679	LNk	Rajendra Singh	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
922.	3182782	LNk	Sis Ram	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
923.	3182802	LNk	Chandan Singh	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
924.	3185576	Sep	Vinod Kumar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
925.	3186782	Sep	Mukesh Kumar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
926.	3187185	Sep	Virendra Prasad	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	29/12
927.	3187394	Sep	Mukesh	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
928.	3193467	Sep	Ganesh Kumar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
929.	3193491	Sep	Sunil	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
930.	3193751	Sep	Parvendra Kumar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
931.	3193799	Sep	Savinder Kumar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12
932.	3194259	Sep	Atar Singh	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	28/12

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933.	8034910	Sep	Satish Kumar	12 JAT	Laungwala (Jaisalmer Sect)	29/12
934.	3181043	Nk	Satyaveer Singh	15 JAT	Manipur (Leimakhong)	29/03
935.	3186875	Sep	Bijender Singh Tomer	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	14/12
936.	3187365	Sep	Suraj Bhan	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	26/12
937.	3190930	Sep	Suresh Kumar	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	14/12
938.	3182969	Nk	Roopa Ram Changal	34 RR/14 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	01/08
939.	3184505	Nk	Uday Singh	34 RR/7 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	04/04
940.	3185942	LNk	Saligram	34 RR/11 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	06/11
941.	3187382	Sep	Ram Swaroop	34 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Beerwah, Budgam)	06/04
942.	3188016	Sep	Sanjeev Kumar	34 RR/6 JAT	J&K (Baramulla, Budgam)	20/09
2002						
943.	3186635	Sep	Basava Raj	2 JAT	J&K (Doda)	13/08
944.	3181963	Nk	Dharmendra Singh	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	24/03
945.	3193724	Sep	Sanjeev Kumar	3 JAT	J&K (Uri Sect)	14/01
946.	3179399	Nk	Bhanwar Lal	4 JAT	Punjab (Ferozpur)	10/02
947.	IC-59231	Capt	Dilip Kumar Jha, KC	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	02/10
948.	3185783	LNk	Sohanvir, KC	7 JAT	J&K (Mendhar Sect)	27/08
949.	3182424	Nk	Dinesh Kumar Poonia	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	02/01
950.	3188207	Sep	Rajvir	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	07/03
951.	JC-488361	Sub	Jai Singh	14 JAT	Assam (Sribar)	16/07
952.	3177463	Hav	Sohan Bir, SM	14 JAT	Assam (Sribar)	16/07
953.	JC-488383	Sub	Tek Chand	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	31/12
954.	3180301	Hav	Sharwan Kumar	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	02/06
955.	3183558	Nk	Omvir Singh	19 JAT	J&K (Dras)	08/08
956.	3183722	Nk	Ravindra Singh	19 JAT	J&K (Dras)	08/09
957.	3186313	LNk	Ram Mehar	19 JAT	J&K (Dras)	01/07
958.	3187947	Sep	Bhupender Singh	19 JAT	J&K (Dras)	01/08
959.	3189446	Sep	Ashvamendra Kumar	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	22/07
960.	3190846	Sep	Pankaj Kumar	19 JAT	J&K (Dras)	28/05
961.	SS-37536	Maj	Sylvester RR	21 JAT	J&K (Keran Gugaldar)	02/08
962.	IC-57974	Capt	Sameer Bhan	11 JAT/7 AR	Manipur	20/02
963.	3180028	Hav	Mohan Chandra Joshi	34 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	07/03
964.	3189896	Sep	Sarwan Kumar Dhukiya, KC	34 RR/15 JAT	J&K (Mirpur)	10/10
965.	3181171	Nk	Ashok Kumar	45 RR/6 JAT	J&K (Poonch Sect)	05/05

966.	3188400	Sep	Nand Kishore	45 RR/15 JAT	J&K (Poonch))	02/04
967.	3188795	Sep	Babu Lal Poonia	45 RR/4 JAT	J&K (Poonch)	21/08
968.	3189159	Sep	Bhim Singh	45 RR/3 JAT	J&K (Poonch)	21/08
969.	3191483	Sep	Anil Kumar	45 RR/2 JAT	J&K (Poonch)	06/11

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970.	3181604	Nk	Babu Ram, SM	2 JAT	J&K (Saaj, Rajouri)	18/11
971.	3187717	Sep	Rakesh Kumar, SM	2 JAT	J&K (Saaj, Rajouri)	16/08
972.	3179343	Hav	Bhagwan Sahai Jat	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	24/09
973.	3182382	Nk	Gopal Ram	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	11/08
974.	3192108	Sep	Surendra Kumar	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	11/08
975.	3192441	Sep	Surender Singh	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	11/08
976.	3194145	Sep	Surendra Dhatarwal	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	11/08
977.	3194955	Sep	Subhash Chandra	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	28/09
978.	3198382	Sep	Jagdish Singh Chahar	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	22/11
979.	JC-488932	Sub	Khilona Singh, SC	14 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	19/09
980.	3188780	LNk	Jagdish Prasad Dhinwa, SM	14 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	19/09
981.	3173024	Hav	Parmeshwar Lal	14 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	15/11
982.	3174830	Hav	Muna Ram	14 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	15/11
983.	3183694	Nk	Anil Kumar, SC	16 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	24/08
984.	3195688	Sep	Rasbir Singh	16 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	21/09
985.	3186997	LNk	Santpal Singh Puniya	18 JAT	J&K (Nowshera Sect)	28/09
986.	3190843	Sep	Vinod Kumar	19 JAT	J&K (Dras/Kargil Sect)	17/02
987.	JC-488513	Sub	Jai Singh, SC	45 RR/7 JAT	J&K (Poonch)	31/10
988.	10406051	Sep	Tak Chand	114 Inf TA	J&K (Udhampur)	26/06
989.	10405487	Nk	Ajai Pal Singh	151 Inf TA	J&K (15 FAD, Jindra)	23/12

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990.	3182082	Hav	Ram Kishan	2 JAT	J&K (Rajouri Sect)	19/05
991.	3197128	Sep	Bikram Singh Faujdar	4 JAT	Assam (Dhemaji)	14/06
992.	IC-60887	Maj	Yogesh Agarwal	5 JAT	J&K (Baramulla)	19/09
993.	JC-489008	Sub	Surender Kumar	5 JAT	J&K (Bandipura)	20/09
994.	3197009	Sep	Shyamvir Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Gnvez)	25/07
995.	IC-34541	Lt Col	Ranjit Ghose	6 JAT	J&K (Baramulla Sect)	06/07
996.	3191366	LNk	Sunil Kumar	9 JAT	J&K (Kalsian)	28/04
997.	3189567	LNk	Mahesh Kumar	11 JAT	J&K (Jabra)	23/01
998.	3197880	Sep	Atul Kumar	14 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	22/05

999.	IC-29202	Maj Gen	D P Singh	15 JAT	Bareilly (UP)	29/10
1000.	3188113	Sep	Ramesh Kumar	16 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	03/01
1001.	3197847	Sep	Manoj Kumar Nehra	16 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	26/04
1002.	3186968	LNk	Raj Kumar Mahto	5 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Ganderbal)	04/06
1003.	3193953	Sep	Ravinder Singh	34 RR/7 JAT	J&K (Budgam)	10/09
1004.	3192444	Sep	Subhash Chand	45 RR/16 JAT	J&K (Poonch)	20/08
1005.	10505224	Sep	Neeraj Kumar	151 Inf TA	J&K (Sheri, Naushera)	18/07

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1006.	3200200	Sep	Pardeep Kumar	4 JAT	Assam (Tinsukia)	05/08
1007.	JC-489502	Nb Sub	Ravinder Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	29/09
1008.	3190542	LNk	Vinod Kumar	5 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	29/09
1009.	3193440	Sep	Amit Kumar	5 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	04/07
1010.	3193963	Sep	Ajit Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	26/07
1011.	3195243	Sep	Bhoodev Singh	5 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	05/07
1012.	3198294	Sep	Dana Ram	5 JAT	J&K (Kupwara Sect)	29/09
1013.	3188704	Nk	Om Prakash	14 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	19/10
1014.	3189993	Sep	Jitesh Kumar Singh	15 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	08/10
1015.	3197824	Sep	Amrish Kumar	18 JAT	J&K (Nowshera Sect)	11/01
1016.	3193995	Sep	Naresh Kumar	19 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	18/12
1017.	3194939	Sep	Jaiveer Singh	21 JAT	J&K (Sri Nagar)	18/12
1018.	IC-58536	Maj	Shobhit Tiwari, SM	34 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Baramulla)	14/03
1019.	3193057	Sep	Raj Singh	45 RR/16 JAT	J&K (Poonch)	24/08
1020.	3197095	Sep	Vipin Kumar	61 RR/18 JAT	J&K (Awantipura)	10/09

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1021.	3191139	LNk	Manoj Kumar	4 JAT	Assam (Tinsukia)	04/08
1022.	3191512	Sep	Randhir singh	4 JAT	Assam (Tinsukia)	07/08
1023.	3179610	Hav	Sushil Kumar	5 JAT	J&K (Baramulla)	23/02
1024.	3179475	Hav	Satish Kumar	6 JAT	Manipur (Bishenpur)	28/08
1025.	3188007	Nk	Jaipal Singh, SM	7 JAT	J&K (Gurez Sect)	22/07
1026.	8032355	Hav	Vir Pal	61 RR/18 JAT	J&K (Kund)	10/02
1027.	3193893	Sep	Mahaveer Singh	61 RR/21 JAT	J&K (Mahore)	26/12
1028.	3195729	Sep	Kirodi Mal	61 RR/18 JAT	J&K (Gen A Kund)	10/02
1029.	3197485	Sep	Yogender Singh	61 RR/20 JAT	J&K (Kalwa Band)	03/09

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1030.	JC-489342	Sub	Mehtap Singh	3 JAT	North Sikkim (Bunkar)	20/02
1031.	3198510	Sep	Gagan Deep Singh	3 JAT	North Sikkim (Bunkar)	20/02
1032.	3193199	Sep	Suresh, KC	16 JAT	J&K (Khappi)	06/10
1033.	3198347	Sep	Rajesh Kumar, SM	16 JAT	J&K (Khappi)	06/10
1034.	IC-59263	Maj	D Raghu Raman, AC	34 RR/19 JAT	J&K (Baramulla)	02/10

2008

1035.	3195940	Sep	Rajesh Kumar	2 JAT	Bunkar (North Sikkim)	15/04
1036.	3198197	Sep	Boby Kumar	11 JAT	J&K (Vayu)	02/11
1037.	JC-489783	Sub	Ranbir Singh, SM	16 JAT	J&K (Zangli Sect)	03/07
1038.	JC-490212	Nb Sub	Krishan Kumar, SM	16 JAT	J&K (Zangli Sect)	03/07
1039.	3193305	Sep	Munendra Singh Thenua	16 JAT	J&K (Pathri Baihk)	03/07
1040.	3197255	Sep	Mana Ram Jat	16 JAT	J&K (Zangli Sect)	03/07
1041.	3202954	Sep	Rupendra Singh	16 JAT	J&K (Zangli Sect)	03/07
1042.	3187053	Nk	Parmanand	21 JAT	Assam (Panbari)	11/01
1043.	IC-45618	Col	Jojan Thomas, AC	45 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Hunmar Kupwara)	22/08
1044.	3196621	Sep	Sultan Singh Jat, SM	45 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Kupwara)	22/08
1045.	3197611	Sep	Dharamvir Singh	45 RR/14 JAT	J&K (Machhal Sub Sect, Kupwara)	07/09

2009

1046.	IC-68819	Capt	Anil Singh Gusain	8 JAT	J&K (Handangbrok, Batalik Sect)	14/12
1047.	IC-59064	Maj	Amitabh Raj	18 JAT	Assam (Dibrugarh)	21/11
1048.	JC-490286	Nb Sub	Dharampal Singh	45 RR/16 JAT	J&K (Machhal Sect, Kupwara)	16/09

2010

1049.	3203255	Sep	Kartar Singh	4 JAT	J&K (Golta, Uri Sect)	17/10
1050.	JC-489972	Sub	Ramesh Kumar	11 JAT	J&K (Vayu)	09/09
1051.	JC-490165	Nb Sub	Sukhvinder Singh	14 JAT	J&K (Siachin Glacier)	12/11
1052.	3179849	Hav	Suresh Chandra	14 JAT	J&K (Siachin Glacier)	08/05
1053.	3196276	Sep	Man Singh	45 RR/12 JAT	J&K (Machhal Sect, Kupwara)	30/06

2011

1054.	3188744	Hav	Bijender Singh	14 JAT	J&K (Siachin Glacier)	06/01
1055.	3201774	Sep	Jitendar Singh	16 JAT	Sikkim (North Sikkim)	18/09
1056.	IC-71887	Lt	Manoj kumar Mishra, SM	18 JAT	Assam (Takauni RF)	06/06

2012

1057.	3191997	Nk	Sanjeev Kumar	11 JAT	Punjab (Tibri)	03/03
1058.	3188855	Nk	Kiran Pal Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	13/09
1059.	3189177	LNk	Deen Dayal	17 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	13/09
1060.	3198076	Sep	Sudhir Kumar	17 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	13/09
1061.	3198122	Sep	Uday Singh	17 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	13/11
1062.	3198400	Sep	Mahendra Pal	17 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	13/11
1063.	3202981	Sep	Bhupendra	17 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	13/11

2014

1064.	3195822	LNk	Shankar Lal Bochlya, SM	20 JAT	J&K (Gambhir LC)	12/06
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2016

1065.	3200871	Sep	Vishal Chaudhari, SM	18 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	30/07
1066.	3202262	Sep	Babaloo Singh, SM	18 JAT	J&K (Naugam Sect)	30/07

2017

1067.	3206848	Sep	Nitin Kumar	17 JAT	Uri Sect (J&K)	29/05
1068.	3195809	Nk	Sanwar Mal Bhamu	20 JAT	Kupwara (J&K)	12/04
1069.	3210288	Sep	Ganpat Ram Karwasara	20 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	24/09
1070.	3193525	Hav	Ram Singh Jat	22 JAT	Kargil Sect (J&K)	09/02

2018

1071.	3196945	Nk	Nem Singh	20 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	08/11
1072.	3198027	LNk	Jitendra Kumar	20 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	31/10
1073.	3206581	Sep	Pushpendra Singh	20 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	13/08
1074.	3197416	LNk	Anil Kumar	JRC/19 JAT	Bareilly (UP)	21/03
1075.	3208165	Sep	Kuldeep Kumar Saharan	34 RR/6 JAT	Kulgam (J&K)	11/12
1076.	3208824	Sep	Het Ram Godara, SM	34 RR/9 JAT	Kachhdora (South Kashmir)	01/04

2019

1077.	3197046	Hav	Rajendra Singh	2 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	03/12
1078.	3200182	Nk	Jogender Singh Solanki	2 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	01/05
1079.	3205620	Sep	Amit	2 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	03/12
1080.	3214093	Sep	Manoj Kumar	2 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	30/07
1081.	3214749	Sep	Kamal Kumar	2 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	03/12
1082.	3209320	Sep	Manoj Kumar Barala	3 JAT	Bierchha FFR, Mhow	10/04
1083.	3203698	Nk	Peera Ram	8 JAT	Keran Sect, Kupwara (J&K)	24/11
1084.	3213940	Sep	Vikash	16 JAT	Manjha FD Firing Range	22/07

1085.	JC-492138	Nb Sub	Sombir, SC	34 RR/8 JAT	South Kashmir (J&K)	24/02
1086.	3209173	Sep	Rambir, SM	34 RR/8 JAT	Shopian (J&K)	02/08
1087.	3196104	Hav	Satvir Singh	45 RR/16 JAT	Machhal Sect (J&K)	31/03

2020

1088	JC-491815	Nb Sub	Narender Singh	2 JAT	Tangdhar (J&K)	21/06
1089.	3200893	Hav	Rakesh Kumar	8 JAT	Patheri, Kupwar (J&K)	24/04
1090.	3207897	Sep	Tarun Kumar	5 RR/2 JAT	Eastern Ladakh	01/11

SPORTSMEN OF THE REGIMENT

Represented India in Olympics

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Location	Year	Medal
1.	H/Capt	Mukhtiyar Singh	2 JAT	Wrestling	Germany	1972	
2.	Nb Sub	Sandeep	16 JAT	50 km Walk	Rio	2016	
3.	Nb Sub	Kheta Ram	6 JAT	Marathon	Rio	2016	
4.	Hav	Ravinder Khatri	19 JAT	Wrestling	Rio	2016	
5.	Sub	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	Tokyo	2021	

Represented India in Commonwealth, Asian and Other International Games

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Location	Year	Medal
1.	H/Capt	Satvir Singh	4 JAT	110 Mtr Hurdle	India	1978	
2.	H/Capt	Omprakash, VSM	3 JAT	Basketball	Hongkong	1982	
3.	N/Sub	Kiran Pal Singh	17 JAT	Kabaddi	Bangkok	1998	Gold
4.	Sub	Vikas	17 JAT	Kabaddi	Doha	2006	Gold
5.	Sub	Sukhbir	17 JAT	Kabaddi	Doha	2006	Gold
6.	N/Sub	Sombir	2 MECH	Cycling	China	2010	
7.	Sub	Hariom Singh	6 JAT	Shooting	Dhaka	2010	
8.	N/Sub	KK Yadav	12 JAT	Wrestling	S Korea	2014	Silver
9.	N/Sub	Sandeep Kumar	21 JAT	Archery	S Korea	2014	Gold
10.	Sub	Om Prakash	18 JAT	Shooting	S Korea	2014	
11.	Hav	Harpal	7 JAT	Boxing	S Korea	2014	Gold
12.	Hav	Sumit Kumar	8 JAT	400 Mtr	India	2016	
13.	Sub	Uchit Sharma	114 TA	Wushu	India	2016	Gold
14.	N/Sub	Roublejet Singh	23 JAT	Wrestling	S Africa	2017	Gold
15.	Sep	Vikas	22 JAT	Wrestling	S Africa	2017	Silver
16.	Sub	Ramphal	3 JAT	Wrestling	USSR	1972	
17.	Sub	Chokhe Lal	9 JAT	Wrestling	USSR	1972	Gold
18.	Hav	Parmanand	1 JAT	Wrestling	USSR	1972	Bronze

Represented India in Commonwealth, Asian and Other International Games

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Location	Year	Medal
19.	H/Capt	Samunder Singh	3 JAT	Wrestling	Tehran	1974	Bronze
20.	H/Capt	Ramji Lal, VSM	3 JAT	Basketball	Pakistan	1976	
21.	Sub Maj	Bijay Singh	2 JAT	Hurdles	Pune	1979	
22.	Sub Maj	Sis Ram	7 JAT	Skiing	Switzerland	1985	
23.	Sub	Shree Ram	8 JAT	X-Country	Delhi	1986	
24.	Hav	Fateh Singh	16 JAT	X-Country	Delhi	1986	Bronze
25.	N/Sub	Ram Karan	4 JAT	Wrestling	USSR	1991	
26.	Hav	Girdhari Lal	7 JAT	Marathon	Pune	1994	
27.	N/Sub	Amrish Kumar	15 JAT	1500 Mtr	Nepal	1999	
28.	Hav	Ugma Ram	9 JAT	Hurdles	Pune	1995	
29.	Hav	Sugar Singh	3 JAT	X-Country	Hungary	1994	Gold
30.	N/Sub	Room Singh	14 JAT	X-Country	Switzerland	1998	
31.	Hav	Manbir Singh	8 JAT	X-Country	Italy	1997	
32.	Maj	Anil Kumar Rohil	14 JAT	Athletics	-	2001	
33.	H/Capt	Sita Ram	16 JAT	20 km Walk	Iran	2003	
34.	Hav	Harender Singh	21 JAT	Wrestling	Turkey	2004	Silver
35.	N/Sub	Surender Singh	7 JAT	Wrestling	Bulgaria	2004	
36.	N/Sub	Kadam Singh	9 JAT	Wrestling	Kazakhstan	2004	
37.	Sub	Prashant Tomar	4 JAT	Shooting	Czech Republic	2005	
38.	Hav	Arvind Kumar	7 JAT	Wrestling	Korea	2004	
39.	N/Sub	Dayanand	7 JAT	Wrestling	USA	2005	
40.	Sub Maj	Balwant Singh	15 JAT	Wrestling	Bulgaria	2005	
41.	Hav	Arvind Kumar	7 JAT	Wrestling	Korea	2005	
42.	Hav	Sukhvir Singh	17 JAT	Kabaddi	Tehran	2006	
43.	Sep	Manoj Kumar	9 JAT	Wrestling	Azerbaijan	2006	
44.	N Sub	Satender Kumar	14 JAT	Judo	Croatia	2006	
45.	Sep	Om Prakash	16 JAT	SF Firing	Colombo	2006	
46.	Sub	Room Singh	14 JAT	Marathan	Singapore	2006	
47.	Sub	Krishan	3 JAT	Wrestling	Uzbekistan	2007	
48.	Sub	Mangal	3 JAT	Wrestling	South Korea	2007	
49.	Sub	Prashant Tomar	4 JAT	Shooting	Sri Lanka	2007	Bronze
50.	Sep	Hambir	16 JAT	Pistol Firing	India	2007	

Represented India in Commonwealth, Asian and Other International Games

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Location	Year	Medal
51.	Sub	Manoj Kumar	9 JAT	Wrestling	India	2007	
52.	Sub	Rambir Singh	20 JAT	Athletics	India	2007	
53.	Sub	Nathu Ram	2 JAT	Athletics	Nairobi	2005	Gold
54.	Hav	Ravinder Singh	JRC	Wrestling	Pune	2009	
55.	Sub	Mukesh Kumar	12 JAT	X- Country	Singapore	2009	
56.	N/Sub	Monu	3 JAT	Wrestling	Pune	2009	
57.	Hav	Hariom	6 JAT	Shooting	Dhaka	2010	
58.	N/Sub	Yudhvir Singh	4 JAT	Wrestling	Romania	2011	
57.	Hav	Satender Kumar	14 JAT	Judo	Uzbekistan	2011	
58.	Sub	Harindra Singh	21 JAT	Wrestling	China	2005	
59.	Hav	Dharmraj	12 JAT	Athletics	Kathmandu	2012	
60.	N/Sub	Pradeep Kumar	15 JAT	Wushu	Iran	2012	
61.	Hav	Yodhvir	4 JAT	Wrestling	USA	2014	Silver
62.	Hav	Satyabhan	9 JAT	Marathon	USA	2014	
63.	Sep	Amit Kumar	3 JAT	Skeet Shooting	S Korea	2016	
64.	Hav	Mandeep	15 JAT	Wrestling	Macedonia	2016	
65.	N/Sub	Mehar Singh	JRC	Wrestling	Macedonia	2016	
66.	Hav	Suresh	15 JAT	Wrestling		2017	Bronze
67.	L/Nk	Dinesh Kumar	16 JAT	Shooting		2017	Gold
68.	L/Nk	Shivajeet Singh	21 JAT	Athletics	China	2017	Gold
69.	Hav	Ravinder Khatri	19 JAT	Wrestling	Turkmenistan	2017	Silver
70.	Sep	Vikas	22 JAT	Wrestling	South Africa	2017	Silver
71.	Nb Sub	Roublejeet Singh	JRC	Wrestling	South Africa	2017	Gold
72.	Sub	Rajesh Kumar	JRC	Shooting	Germany	2018	Gold
73.	Sep	Yashwant Singh	9 JAT	Shooting	Germany	2018	
74.	Sub	Ram Niwas	21 JAT	Athletics	Bangladesh	2018	Gold
75.	L/Nk	Sandeep	23 JAT	Boxing	Bangladesh	2018	Gold
76.	N/Sub	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	Jakarta	2018	
77.	Hav	Sumit Kumar	8 JAT	400 Mtr (Rel)	Indonesia	2018	Gold
78.	Nk	Shivajeet Singh	21 JAT	Athletics	Jakarta	2018	Gold
79.	Hav	Pawan	7 JAT	Wushu	Iran	2019	
80.	Sep	Kuldeep Singh	2 JAT	Rowing	Poland	2019	Bronze

Represented India in Commonwealth, Asian and Other International Games

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Location	Year	Medal
81.	N/Sub	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	Japan	2019	
82.	N/Sub	Uchit Sharma	114 TA	Sanshou	Sichuan	2019	Bronze

Represented Services at National Level

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Year	Medal
1.	Sub	Rattan Kumar	6 JAT	Wrestling	1973 & 1988	Gold
2.	Sub	Hawa Singh	6 JAT	Wrestling	1974 & 1985	Gold
3.	Hav	Krishan Singh	15 JAT	Wrestling	1978	Gold
4.	Sub	Dharmvir Singh	15 JAT	Wrestling	1980	Gold
5.	Sub	Hoshiyar Singh	6 JAT	Volleyball	1986, '87 & '88	Bronze
6.	Hav	Amarpal Singh	3 JAT	Shooting	1987	Gold
7.	H/Capt	Satish Kumar, SM	9 JAT	Cross Country	1998	Bronze
8.	Sub Maj	Ramdhari Singh	15 JAT	Athletics	1998	Gold
9.	Sub	Rakesh Singh	15 JAT	Athletics	1998	Silver
10.	Hav	Rajender Singh	16 JAT	X- Country	1998	Gold
11.	Hav	Saty Narayan	4 JAT	Shooting	2003	Two Golds
12.	LNk	Ramesh Kumar	16 JAT	Shooting	2006	Gold
13.	LNk	Ravi Kumar	16 JAT	Shooting	2006	Two Golds
14.	Hav	Debdan Singh	15 JAT	X-Country	2007	Silver
15.	Sep	Vijay Kumar	6 JAT	Shooting	2009	Gold
16.	Hav	Naveen Kumar Balyan	6 JAT	Wrestling	2011	Gold
17.	Hav	Basant	3 JAT	Wrestling	2012	Bronze
18.	Sep	Vikash	8 JAT	Wushu	2013	Gold
19.	Sep	Amit Pal	114 TA	Wushu	2014	Silver
20.	N/Sub	Pradeep Kumar	15 JAT	Wushu	2014	Gold
21.	Hav	Suresh Kumar	15 JAT	Wrestling	2012	Gold
22.	Hav	Pradeep	16 JAT	Shooting	2015	Gold
23.	Sep	Kalu Ram Gat	6 JAT	Cycling	2016	Silver
24.	Hav	Uchit Sharma	114 TA	Wushu	2017	Gold
25.	Sep	Devender Kumar	11 JAT	Wushu	2017	Bronze
26.	N/Sub	Mangal	3 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Bronze
27.	Rect	Mandeep	JRC	Wrestling	2017	Bronze

Represented Services at National Level

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Year	Medal
28.	Hav	Suresh	15 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Bronze
29.	Hav	Yodhvir	4 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Gold
30.	Sub	KK Yadav	12 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Silver
31.	Hav	Ravinder Khatri	19 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Gold
32.	N/Sub	Mehar Singh	JRC	Wrestling	2017	Silver
33.	N/Sub	Manoj	9 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Sliver
34.	Rect	Monu	JRC	Wrestling	2017	Bronze
35.	Hav	Samunder	18 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Gold
36.	Hav	Dharmendra	18 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Silver
37.	Sep	Sudhir	22 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Bronze
38.	Sep	Sahil	18 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Bronze
39.	Hav	Shri Bhagwan	20 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Bronze
40.	N/Sub	Roublejeet Singh	JRC	Wrestling	2017	Gold
41.	Hav	Dharamraj Yadav	12 JAT	Discus Throw	2017	Gold
42.	Hav	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	2017	Silver
43.	Sep	Diwakar Dawas	3 JAT	400 mtr	2017	Silver
44.	Hav	Sumit Kumar	8 JAT	400 mtr	2017	Bronze
45.	Sep	Harsh Panwar	11 JAT	400 mtr	2017	Bronze
46.	Sep	Vikas	22 JAT	Wrestling	2017	Silver
47.	Hav	T Shankar Rai	12 JAT	Fencing	2018	Silver
48.	Sep	Sumit	114 TA	5000 mtr	2018	Bronze
49.	Hav	Krishan Kumar	19 JAT	200 mtr	2018	Gold
50.	Hav	Shakti Singh	12 JAT	3000 mtr	2018	Gold
51.	N/Sub	Vijay Kumar	14 JAT	Decathlon	2018	Bronze
52.	Hav	Dharamraj Yadav	12 JAT	Discus Throw	2018	Gold
53.	N/Sub	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	2018	Silver
54.	Hav	Satyaveer Singh Malik	7 JAT	100 mtr	2018	Bronze
55.	Hav	Naveen Kumar	12 JAT	Boxing	2018	Gold
56.	Sep	Jatin Sethi	15 JAT	Boxing	2018	Bronze
57.	Hav	Nitin	12 JAT	Boxing	2018	Silver
58.	N/Sub	Uchit Sharma	114 TA	Wushu	2018	Gold
57.	Hav	Pawan	7 JAT	Wushu	2018	Silver

Represented Services at National Level

Ser No	Rank	Name	Unit	Event	Year	Medal
58.	N/Sub	Yodhvir	4 JAT	Wrestling	2018	Gold
59.	N/Sub	Mehar Singh	20 JAT	Wrestling	2018	Silver
60.	N/Sub	Manoj	9 JAT	Wrestling	2018	Sliver
61.	Sub	KK Yadav	12 JAT	Wrestling	2018	Silver
62.	Hav	Samunder	18 JAT	Wrestling	2018	Gold
63.	Hav	Pradeep	JRC	Wrestling	2018	Silver
64.	Hav	Vikas	22 JAT	Wrestling	2018	Bronze
65.	Sub	Sandeep Kumar	21 JAT	Archery	2018	Silver
66.	Sep	Mahesh Baliyan	114 TA	Wushu	2019	Silver
67.	N/Sub	Uchit Sharma	114 TA	Wushu	2019	Gold
68.	N/Sub	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	2019	Bronze
69.	Sep	Sanjay Singh	3 JAT	Fencing	2019	Bronze
70.	N/Sub	Ravinder Khatri	19 JAT	Wrestling	2019	Bronze
71.	N/Sub	Mehar Singh	20 JAT	Wrestling	2019	Bronze
72.	Hav	Monu	12 JAT	Wrestling	2019	Bronze
73.	N/Sub	Sandeep Kumar	16 JAT	20 km Walk	2020	Gold
74.	N/Sub	Uchit Sharma	114 TA	Wushu	2020	Gold

THE COLONELS OF THE REGIMENT AND LT GENS



Lt Gen ML Thapan, PVSM, was commissioned into the Rajput Regiment in 1939. He was Instructor Class B and GSO 1 at IMA from 1947-1948. After that, he was Commandant of the JAT RC and later CO 6 JAT. He was GOC 26 Inf Div during the 1965 War when the Div provided a firm base for the launch of 1 Corps into the Sialkot Sector and later carried out offensive action in the Sector. In 1971 he was GOC 33 Corps and was responsible for capturing the northwest sector of East Pakistan, employing two Mtn Divs, one Arm'd Bde and one Inf Bde Group.

The General was appointed GOC-in-C Western Command in 1972 and later VCOAS till his retirement in 1974. He was the Col of the Regiment from May 1964 to 10 Jul 1975.



Lt Gen RK Jasbir Singh, PVSM, was commissioned into 4 GR in Dec 1947 from IMA Dehradun. In 1955, he was transferred to 2 JAT. He commanded 7 JAT in 1965, after which he was Instructor on the Senior Officers Course at the Infantry School from 1968 to 1970.

He commanded 191 Inf Bde at Chhamb in the 1971 Indo-Pak War. Later he commanded 26 Inf Div. After his tenure as Commandant of the National Defence Academy, he commanded 15 Corps and was then posted as Military Secretary at the Army HQ.

The General Officer was Col of the Regiment from Jul 1975 to 1985.



Lt Gen Bakshi Joginder Singh, MVC, VSM, was commissioned in 5 JAT in Jun 1950. He served in 8 JAT before commanding 16 JAT in the North East from Jun 1966 to Sep 1969, where he was awarded the VSM. He served as Instructor SO Wing in the Infantry School, where he was selected to attend a CI course in the USA. After the Course, he was the first Deputy Commandant of the CIJW School, on its raising on 01 May 1970.

In Dec 1971, Brig Joginder Singh Bakshi commanded 304(I) Inf Bde on the Eastern Front during the 1971 Indo-Pak War. Under his leadership, the Bde group thrust deep into the North West sector of East Pakistan, bypassing well-organised defences, to capture Bogra. Brig Bakshi displayed outstanding professional competence and front-line leadership in battle. For conspicuous gallantry, determination and skill throughout the War, Brig Bakshi Joginder Singh was awarded the MVC.

Later, Gen Bakshi served as BGS at HQ 16 Corps, GOC 25 Inf Div, Director of Military Training and Head of the Indian Training Team in Iraq before he returned to raise 3 Corps at Dimapur.



Maj Gen RN Chibber, VSM, commanded 8 JAT when they defeated the Pakistani attacks in Poonch in 1971.

He served as the Defence Attaché in Afghanistan in the 1970s to witness the first upheaval. He commanded the Rampur Bde in Baramulla Sect and served as Deputy Director General (Manpower Planning) in the Adjutant General's Branch.

The General officer was GOC 9 Inf Div and then Additional Director General Military Intelligence at Army HQ. He was Col of the Regiment from May 1985 to Apr 1990.



Lt Gen R Narasimhan, PVSM, SC, VSM, was commissioned in 2 JAT on 02 Jun 1955. As a subaltern, he was awarded SC in Nagaland. He served as Instructor Class C at IMA, Dehradun, in 1962 and 1963. He was adjudged the Best Student on the Staff Course at DSSC.

He commanded 17 JAT during the 1971 War. He was posted as an instructor in DSSC, from where he was sent to command 1 JAT (LI) when it was under conversion to Mechanised Infantry. After command of a Bde, he attended the course at RCDS in the UK. The General had the privilege of raising 29 Inf Div in 1985 and commanded 33 Mechanised Div during EX BRASS TACKS.

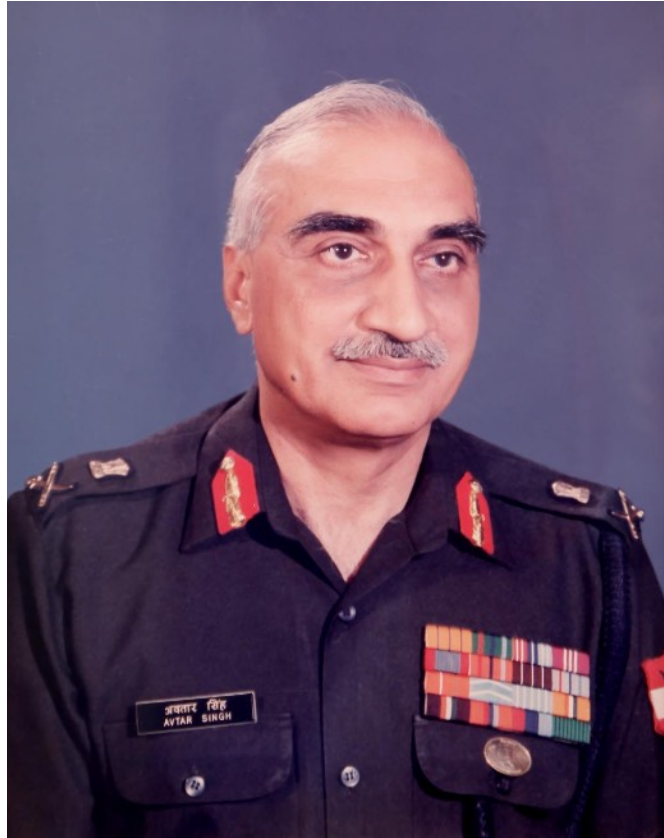
The General was the Additional Director General Military Operations (B), from where he went as GOC 12 Corps and then as Military Secretary at the Army HQ. He was Col of the Regiment from 15 Apr 1990 to 15 Apr 1992.



Lt Gen HB Kala, PVSM, AVSM, SC, was commissioned in 6 JAT. In 1961, he was awarded the SC in Bhimber Gali, J&K. He had been an instructor at National Defence Academy in the late 1960s. He fought the 1971 War in the Eastern Theatre as the 2IC of his Bn. He attended the Staff Course in a competitive vacancy, commanded 6 JAT, and served as a Military Attaché in Czechoslovakia. He commanded 6 JAT, an Inf Bde at Tibri, attended NDC Course, and then served as Brig Q in HQ 11 Corps.

After commanding 4 Inf Div, he was appointed Additional Director General Military Operations (B) in the Army Headquarters. After command of 11 Corps, he commanded the Western Army and was later appointed GOC-in-C ARTRAC. He was Col of the Regiment from Apr 1992 to Feb 2001.

A prolific writer in both English and Hindi, he authored 'Demystifying Military Leadership' after retirement, a book prescribed for army promotion examinations. He has translated Clausewitz's *Vom Kriege* into Hindi, which is now included in reading lists of postgraduate departments of Political Science and Military Studies in universities of the Hindi belt.



Lt Gen Avtar Singh, PVSM, VSM, a second-generation officer, was commissioned in 3 JAT in Dec 1965. In the 1971 War, he led a company of 3 JAT to capture the Pakistani Border Outpost of SakhiREWala Khu, where his company earned a VrC. He served as the first infantry officer BM of an Independent Armd Bde, commanded 17 JAT and served as the Military Attaché in Ethiopia. He also served as an instructor at DSSC and the Junior Command Wing at Mhow.

After his NDC Course, he was posted as Brigadier General Staff (Ops) at HQ Northern Command. He commanded 104 Inf Bde, 15 Inf Div and 33 Corps.

He served as Joint Secretary (Military) with the Cabinet Secretariat/Ministry of Defence. He was the Director General Defence Intelligence Agency (DGDIA) and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (DCIDS). He was promoted to Army Cdr Rank (Non-Functional) before retirement due to a lack of residual service.



Lt Gen KK Khanna, PVSM, AVSM**, was commissioned in 16 JAT in Jun 1967. He attended the Staff Course in a competitive vacancy and was the best student on the SC Course. He served as an instructor at CIJW School and IMTRAT, Bhutan. He also served as BM of an Inf Bde. After command of 16 JAT, he served as an instructor at the DSSC and the Senior Command Wing at the Army War College.

He raised 10 Sect RR and commanded the same at Baramulla, where he was awarded the AVSM. After NDC, he was BGS 1 Corps and later GOC 14 Inf Div (RAPID). The general officer served as MGGS at HQ Northern Command and later as the Chief of Staff when he was wounded in a terrorist attack in J&K in 2003. After that, he served as Commandant of the IMA, Dehradun. He served as the Col of the Regiment from Feb 2001 to Nov 2006.

After retirement, he authored 'Art of Generalship', later translated into Vietnamese, while he occupied a Chair of Excellence at the USI. He is the author of Volume 4 of the History of the Jat Regiment.



Lt Gen KS Sivakumar, AVSM, VSM, was commissioned in 3 JAT on 23 Jun 1968. He participated with his Bn in the 1971 Indo-Pak War in Laungewala, Tanot, Krishangah and Barmer Sectors. He commanded a rifle company of 3 JAT in the Mizoram Insurgency and 3 JAT in Kibithu. He commanded the Assam Rifles Sect in Ukhrul and 54 Inf Div. He served as Chief of Staff, Dy Force Cdr and Acting Force Cdr of UNAMIR in Rwanda before successfully winding up the mission.

He served as GSO-3 (Ops) of HQ 16 Corps, BM of HQ 65 Inf Bde during Op Trident, and GSO-1(Ops) of HQ 57 Mtn Div in Sri Lanka during Op Pawan. He was Director MO-1 during the Border Peace and Tranquility Agreement signed between India and China. He also served as Director SD-1, Dy MS(A) in the MS Branch, and as MA to COAS, Gen S Padmanabhan.

A graduate of DSSC, HC and NDC, he served as Instructor Class B at the Inf School, Belgaum and the Senior and later as the Chief Instructor in Defence Services Staff College.

The general officer was the Chief of Staff of HQ Eastern Command before his retirement in Jan 2008.



Lt Gen Balraj Nagal, PVSM, AVSM, SM, a third-generation officer, was commissioned in 4 JAT on 14 Jun 1970. He was wounded at Fazilka during the 1971 War. He attended the Staff Course at Camberley in the UK. After command of 4 JAT, he attended the HC Course, served as an Instructor at the Senior Command Wing at Mhow, and then as a Bn Cdr at IMA.

He converted 340 (I) Inf Bde to a Mechanised Bde. After serving as BGS in two Corps, he commanded a Div at Amritsar. The general officer served as Additional Director General, Complaint Advisory Board in Army HQ before taking over 9 Corps. He served as DG of Operational Logistics at the Army HQ and then as GOC-in-C, Strategic Forces Command.

He was awarded the SM in 1996, AVSM in 2008, and PVSM in 2010. He was Col of the Regiment from Dec 2006 to Dec 2010.

After retirement, he served as an adviser to the National Security Advisor and Director of the Centre for Land Warfare Studies.



Lt Gen DS Bartwal, PVSM, a second-generation officer, was commissioned in 14 JAT, which he later commanded in North Sikkim and at the Rashtrapati Bhawan.

The officer served as Instructor Class C at IMA. He served as Col GS of an Inf Div and Col Adm of another Inf Div (RAPID).

He commanded an Inf Bde in Jammu, after which he attended the NDC Course. The General was the GOC of the Bikaner Division and later the Director General of Military Intelligence.



Lt Gen Rajiv Bhalla, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, was commissioned in 18 JAT and posted to 8 JAT in the early 90s. He commanded 8 JAT, served two tenures in the Military Operations Directorate, and headed the Foreign Division at Military Intelligence Directorates at Army Headquarters. He commanded the Kargil Bde and attended the Royal College of Defence Studies course in the UK.

The general officer commanded 8 Mtn Div and served as Commander Higher Command Wing at the Army War College, Mhow.

On promotion, he served as Director General of Military Training and later as Military Secretary at the Army HQ. He was the Col of the Regiment from Jan 2011 to Sep 2015.



Lt Gen SK Saini, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, was commissioned into 7 JAT in Jun 1981. He commanded 7 JAT, a Mtn Bde, a Counter Insurgency Force in J&K and a Corps in the Western Theatre.

He has served as BM of an Inf Bde, GSO-1 (Ops) of an Inf Div and Director in the Military Operations Directorate at the Army HQ. He has also been BGS of a Corps, DDG (Strategy) in the PP Directorate and DDG KRA Monitoring Cell, COAS Secretariat.

He was an instructor in the NSG Training Centre, Senior Directing Staff at the NDC, DG (MP&PS) at the Army HQ and Commandant IMA.

Gen Saini attended the Army Command and Staff Course at Camberley in the UK and has studied at the Royal College of Military Science, Shrivenham, UK. He has attended the HC Course and the NDC in Bangladesh. Gen Saini has served as the Deputy Chief Military Personnel Officer in the UN Mission in Iraq-Kuwait.

He commanded 9 Corps and the Southern Army before being appointed the VCOAS in Jan 2020. He was the Col of the Regiment from Oct 2015 to Jan 2021.



Lt Gen ST Upasani, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, was commissioned into 11 JAT in Jun 1981, which he later commanded. He attended the DSSC and HDMC courses and was the Best Student in YO, RSO, BSW, SC and HDMC courses. He attended the NDC course at US Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, securing a distinguished grade.

He saw active service in Op Meghdoot, Op Rakshak, Op Orchid, Op Rhino, Op Hifazat, Op Vijay and Op Parakram. The General Officer commanded an Assam Rifles Sect.

The General officer served as a GSO-1 (Ops) of a strike formation, MA to COAS, and served in the PS, MT, and PP Directorates at the Army HQ. The General officer has served as an Instructor at the Infantry School, Mhow, IMA Dehradun, IMTRAT Bhutan, and CDM, Secunderabad. The General officer has attended a 'Managing Defence In Democracy' course at Defence Academy Cranfield University, Shrivenham Swindon, in the UK.

He was twice awarded the COAS Commendation and a CISC Commendation. He commanded the Victor Force, was the Chief of Staff of a newly raised strike Corps, commanded Dakshin Bharat Area and was DG of Information Systems.



Lt Gen BS Raju, AVSM, UYSM, YSM, was commissioned into 11 JAT on 15 Dec 1984. He commanded a rifle coy of 11 JAT on the Saltoro Ridge.

The general officer is a qualified helicopter pilot who has flown operational sorties in India and Somalia as part of the UN peacekeeping force. He attended the NDC Course at the Royal College of Defence Studies, UK and a Master's Programme in Counter Terrorism at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, USA.

He commanded 15 JAT during Op Parakram and later at Uri. He commanded the Uri Bde on the LC, CIF (V) in South Kashmir, and 15 Corps.

Gen Raju was an instructor at DSSC and the Higher Command Wing at Army War College. He has served as BM of an Inf Bde, Col MS Legal at the Army HQ, BGS in a Corps HQ, DDG MO (B) and Director General Staff Duties at the Army HQ. The officer has been Commandant of the Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan.

He served as the DGMO before he was appointed the 44th VCOAS of the Indian Army on 01 May 2022. He took over the colonelcy on 01 Feb 2021.



Lt Gen GAV Reddy, AVSM, SC, VSM, was commissioned into 9 JAT in Mar 1986. He was decorated with the SC in 2002 while serving with the Bn on the LC. He commanded 9 JAT from 2004 to 2007 in J&K and the Western Sect.

He is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Higher Command Course and the National Defence College. He holds an M.Phil in Defence and Strategic Studies and an M.Phil in National Security.

He commanded an Assam Rifles Sect in Mizoram and was Inspector General Assam Rifles (East). He was bestowed with the VSM for his meritorious service as DDG LWE in Army HQ in 2018 and the AVSM while serving as Commandant, OTA Gaya. The General Officer assumed the appointment of DGDIA & DCIDS (Intelligence), HQ IDS, on 01 Feb 2022.
